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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Carol Roy, as the duly authorized representative of Adair County Board of Education Food Service, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	WG Biscuits, WG French Toast, WG Pancakes, WG Pizza Crust, WG Breading on Chicken Strips, WG Crackers✓
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Same as above

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Participation has dropped tremendously in the NSBP and some in the NSLP due to product acceptability.
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit		Rich's	GFS
WG Pancakes, & French Toast Sticks,		Pillsbury & Eggo	GFS
WG Pizza Crust, WGChicken Strips, WG Crackers		Schwan's & Little Caesars Tyson Zesta	GFS



My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Carol Ro  
Signature of Director of Schools  
Sue Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

4-13-15  
Date  
4/21/15  
Date

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**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption  
School Year 2016-2017**

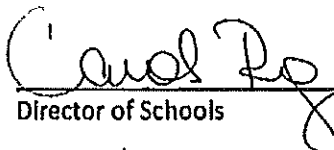
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Whole Grain Biscuit	Poor Student Acceptability Low Breakfast Participation	Rich's Pillsbury
Whole Grain Pizza Crust	Poor Student Acceptability Low Participation	Schwan's
Whole Grain Chicken Strips	Poor Student Acceptability Low Participation	Tyson Pilgrim's Pride
Whole Grain Crackers	Poor Student Acceptability Low Participation	Zesta

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Director of Schools

6-14-16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-14-16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk  
For School Year 2017-18**

I, Carol Roy, as the duly authorized representative of Adair County Board of Education [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Yes      Hardship(s):

Documentation Submitted  
(invoices, waste study,  
production records, etc.)

✓	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	Milk Usage Sheets
	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	
	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	
	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Carol Rogers  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-5-17  
Date

[Signature]  
Approved Program Manager

7-24-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Mary Hobdy, as the duly authorized representative of Allen County BOE [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	whole grain cornmeal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

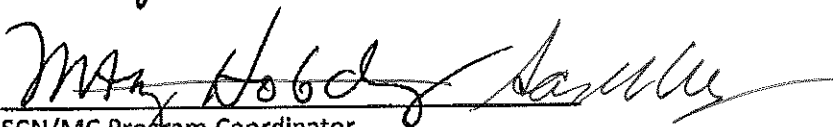
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Corn Meal	White Self Rising	General Mills	198060

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Schools

10-26-16  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-26-16  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Robin Herrington, as the duly authorized representative of Allen Co. BOE (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit We see alot of plate waste using WG Biscuit. Kids don't like dark color + texture (heavily tough)
Other hardship (please list):	School staff tell us about excessive waste they see in trash cans.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit		Pillsbury	
" "		Rich's	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Macaroni doesn't hold well. Over time tends to fall apart.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Kids don't like the dark color or the texture.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Macaroni		GFS Brand	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Spaghetti. WG Pasta doesn't hold as well as becomes less palatable during holding.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students complain about dark color & texture.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Spaghetti		GFS Brand	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.



Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program



Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator



Date

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✓

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: *Allen Carty School in Scottsville, Ky*

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: *Whole Grain Elbow Macaroni*

Brand Name of product used: *Banilla*

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: *Macaroni & Cheese*

Other products tested: *Kitchen Essentials (GFS) Elbow Macaroni*

Issues with products used and tested: *• Whole Grain Macaroni doesn't hold as well as regular macaroni. It becomes sticky & breaks down. Children will not eat it due to dark color.*  
*• Regular Macaroni holds well and is more appealing to children*

Internal Use Only

Date Submitted: *7-21-14*

Date Approved: *7-22-14*

Approving Signature: *Danish Wayne*

*Similar issues w/ mac & cheese in other districts*

X

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: *Allen County Schools in Scottsville, Ky*

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: *Whole Wheat Spaghetti*

Brand Name of product used: *Gordon Food Service Brand*

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: *Spaghetti + Meat Sauce*

Other products tested: *Kitchen Essentials (GFS) Regular Spaghetti*

Issues with products used and tested: *• Whole Wheat doesn't hold as well & isn't appealing to older children due to dark color.  
• Regular spaghetti holds longer & children tend to eat this meal better.*

Internal Use Only

Date Submitted:

Date Approved:

Approving Signature:

*Have seen success with spaghetti - per mix & serve.*

## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

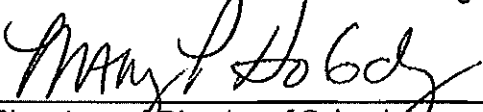
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

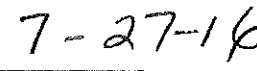
List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

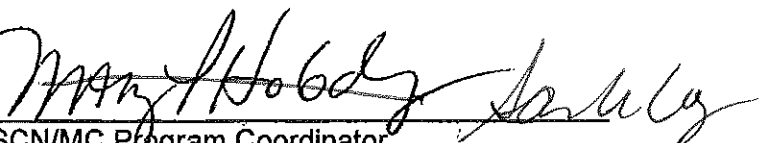
Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
WG (ELBOW) MACARONI	Poor student Acceptability Doesn't hold for Lunch Service	BARILLA

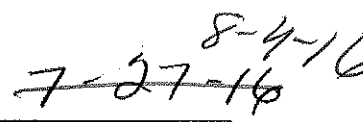
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Signature of Director of Schools

  
District

  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Ronnie Fields, as the duly authorized representative of Anderson County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016



**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Biscuits, Spaghetti
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits, Spaghetti
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Whole Grain 2.51 ounce	Pillsbury	132268000
Spaghetti	Whole Grain 51%	Dakota Growers	6738791322

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

**Ronnie Fields**

Digitally signed by Ronnie Fields  
Date: 2018.03.05 08:37:45 -05'00'

**3-5-18**

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**3-5-18**

Date

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## **Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition**

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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 10:05 AM  
**To:** Fields, Ronnie  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition; Crouch, Valerie - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** Whole Grain Pasta Waivers

Ronnie,

Your requests for waivers for whole grain pasta for your spaghetti and rotini have been denied.

We would ask that you try other products such as a tri color rotini or a different brand of whole grain spaghetti. Other districts have had success with Bariilla spaghetti and tri color pasta. Other districts have also had some success with mixing the spaghetti and sauce prior to service. The waivers are only temporary and the intention is that you would continue to look for acceptable whole grain products.

If you try other products and continue to have a significant drop in student acceptance, please feel free to apply again for a waiver.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Sandy Wagner DTR, SNS*

Program Coordinator  
Kentucky Dept. of Education  
Division of School and Community Nutrition  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Jack Miniard, as the duly authorized representative of App. Challenge Academy [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuits, Tri Color Rotini, Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti, Breading on Chicken Nuggets

List the type of grain product(s)  
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production record):

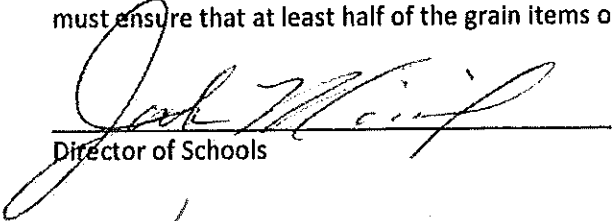
Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits, Tri Color Rotini, Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti, Breading on Chicken Nuggets
	Other hardship (please list):	

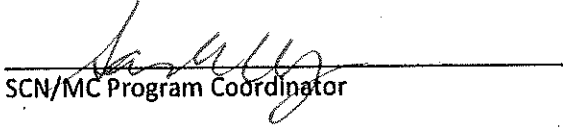
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Schools

1-19-17  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

1-23-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Linda Calhoun, as the duly authorized representative of Ashland Ind. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Bun (Pictures included)

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Bun (Student letter included)
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Linda S. Colburn  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

June 21, 2018  
Date

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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

*Ashland Independent Schools*

I, Linda Calhoun, as the duly authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_ [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation): **Letters Attached**

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit WG Pasta

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record): **Letters/ Production Attached**

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG B. Swift WG Pasta
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

Signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Linda S. Cochran  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Aug. 7, 2017  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-14-17  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Amber Hayes, as the duly authorized representative of Ballard County Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
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<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit WG Cracker WG Tortilla WG Pasta

**Hardship(s):**

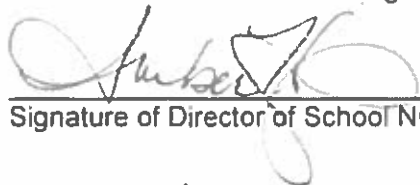
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Cracker WG Tortilla WG Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Pillsbury 2.2 oz. biscuit	General Mills	GFS # 866920
Cracker	Saltine Cracker	GFS	GFS # 870400
Tortilla	6" White Tortilla	LaFronteriza	GFS# 702633
Pasta	10 in. pasta spaghetti	Kitchen Essentials	GFS # 654560

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/10/18

Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-13-18

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Amber Hayes, as the duly authorized representative of Ballard County School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

x	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuit
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
x	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Whole Grain Zesta Crackers
x	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit Whole Grain Zesta Crackers Whole Grain Tortilla

Yes Hardship(s):

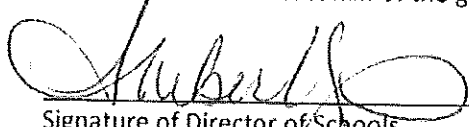
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x	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit Whole Grain Zesta Crackers Whole Grain Tortilla
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cracker	Sunshine Harvest Wheat	General Mills	#114378 CRS
Biscuit	Biscuit	Ralcorp/ Con Agra	#10077 CRS
Tortilla	Tortilla	Mexican Original	#13907 CRS

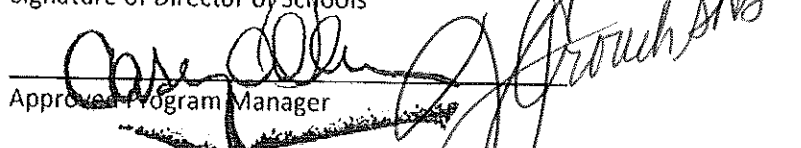
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Signature of Director of Schools

7/20/15

Date



Approved Program Manager

7/20/15

Date

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## **Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition**

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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2015 12:35 PM  
**To:** Cecil, Greta  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** WG Exemption

Greta,

We received your request for an exemption from the whole grain rich requirements for pasta and biscuits.

Can you send production records, photos or some other form of documentation to show a drop in participation or the holding issues? If we can get documentation, we will be able to get this approved for you.

Thank you,

*Sandy Wagner NDTR, SNS*

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Gueta Cecil, as the duly authorized representative of Bardonia City Schools (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

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	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	macaroni noodle egg noodle Biscuit

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	macaroni noodle egg noodle Biscuit
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	macaroni + cheese	JTM	5768
	Biscuit	Ran	706651
	Egg noodle	GFS	292346

**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Greta Cecil, as the duly authorized representative of Bardstown Indep. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	10,000 decline attached documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	..
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuits are dry flat & lack of taste

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	I've done taste testing w/ several WG products & students were negative about all.
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Peach Valley	PVB 1600 / 216
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Rich's	09315
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Pillsbury	94562 - 32271



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Director of Schools



Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator



Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

*Saltine Cracker*

I, Greta Cecil, as the duly authorized representative of Bardonia City Schools (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

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\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Finding large amount of the WG.
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Crackers in garbage.
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Sales of Salads have declined.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cracker	WG Wheatclub	Keebler	30100050610
	WG Cracker	GFS	

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

2-2-18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

2-5-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Greta Cecil, as the duly authorized representative of Burdston City Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Asian Fried Rice
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
Other hardship (please list): There is not a <del>W</del> Asian Rice available from my distributor.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

                      
Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-5-17

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Greta Cecil, as the duly authorized representative of Bardstown City Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	egg noodles
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

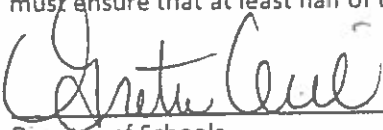
Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> GFS #522811 has been discontinued.	egg noodles

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Director of Schools

9/26/14  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-26-14  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Bardonia City Schools

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:

LASAGNA Noodle Sheets

Brand Name of product used:

Pasta Lasagna Sheet Flat Cooked  
GFS

Extra Fancy Durum Flour

Recipe(s) in which the product is used:

Lasagna

Other products tested:

Not Available at Distributor

Issues with products used and tested:

Internal Use Only

Date Submitted: 7-21-14

Date Approved: 7-22-14

Approving Signature: Sam Wagner

No other product available in W.G.

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Bardstown City Schools

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:

Pasta Egg Noodle

Brand Name of product used:

1/2" Yellow Egg Noodle BFS  
Durum wheat Semolina Durum wheat Flour.

Recipe(s) in which the product is used:

Chicken Noodle Soup

Other products tested:

Product Not Available at Distribution

Issues with products used and tested:

Internal Use Only

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Date Submitted: 7-21-14

Date Approved: 7-22-14

Approving Signature: Sandra Wagner

Product availability issue, common complaints with egg noodles.

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name:

Bardstoun City Schools

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:

ELBOW MACARONI

Brand Name of product used:

GFS ELBOW MACARONI

DURUM WHEAT SEMOLINA

Recipe(s) in which the product is used:

MACARONI & CHEESE

Other products tested:

BARILLA WHOLE GRAIN

Issues with products used and tested:

Not Received Well By Students

Need to Revise Recipe

Mashed - Does Not Hold Well

Internal Use Only

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Date Submitted: 7-21-14

Date Approved: 7-22-14

Approving Signature: *Sandra Wagon*

Mac + Cheese has been an issue with many districts  
Not acceptable to students

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, CheyAnne Fant, as the duly authorized representative of Barren County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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SP 33-2016



**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Significant drop in lunch participation
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain pasta is hard to cook, not appealing, flavor is not good. Crackers are like cardboard

**Hardship(s):**

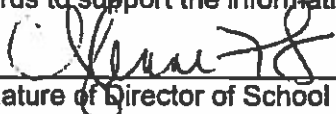
**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students acceptability of Pasta and Crackers are noted in letters attached.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	Barren County prides itself in trying to serve nutritious meals that students love and want to come back for. Whole Grain pasta and crackers are not what the students want to come in for.

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pasta	Spahettia Noodles	GFS	GFS - 654590
Crackers	Salteen	Westminster	GFS - 30017

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/2/18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-3-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, CheyAnne Fant, as the duly authorized representative of Barren County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	See ADP Chart below with notice of significant drop in breakfast with most of these products in breakfast.
X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	The WG Pillsbury Biscuit is \$0.15 per serving and the non-whole grain is \$0.13 per serving. Getting a pre-made WG pancake is \$0.41 per serving and making homemade ones are only \$0.06 per serving. Significant cost differences in the chicken would also been seen if processing commodities were not taken off NOI.
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuits became tough during holding period. Pancake texture when making homemade pancakes was tough and unpalatable and were removed from the menu midyear. Multiple requests for the comparable chicken have also been stated.

Yes      Hardship(s):

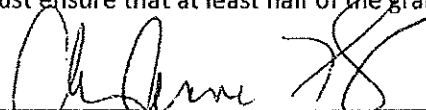
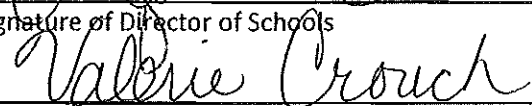
List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Student acceptability for these three products has been noted in comments from our Nutrislice app which allows students and parents to rate foods. Please see attachment.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Pillsbury Whole Grain Biscuit	Pillsbury	269210 GFS
Chicken	Whole muscle, whole grain breeding	Tyson	533830 GFS
Pancake	Multigrain mix 413210 and then tried Pillsbury premade pancake packs and mini waffles (Wholegrain Blueberry waffles, strawberry pancake, and maple pancake)	GFS Mix Then Pillsbury	413210 GFS

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 Signature of Director of Schools  
  
 Approved Program Manager

7/29/15  
 Date  
 7/29/15  
 Date

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2012-13 Lunch ADP	2013-14 Lunch ADP	2014-15 Lunch ADP
74.5	74.8	72.9
2012-13 Breakfast ADP	2013-14 Breakfast ADP	2014-15 Breakfast ADP
40.7	36.6	37.4

Nutrislice Comments:

Rating 1-5	Food Item	Student Name	Comments
3	Biscuits & Gravy	Thurston S	It's ok.

# Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

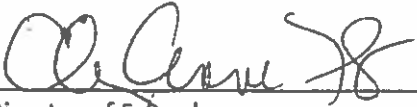
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.


The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuits	Breakfast participation went down. Bad reviews on Nutrislice	Pillsbury whole grain biscuit Rich's whole grain biscuit, Baker Chef whole grain biscuit
Pancakes	Children did not like the texture of the whole grain pancakes. Bad reviews on Nutrislice.	Pillsbury whole grain ready to serve. GFS Ultra Grain Mix
Tyson Chicken Tenders	Breakfast participation went down. Children gave bad reviews of whole grain crusted chicken	USDA Tyson whole grain Chicken tenders

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Director of Schools

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Vickie Wells, as the duly authorized representative of Booth County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	biscuits, rolls, crackers
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

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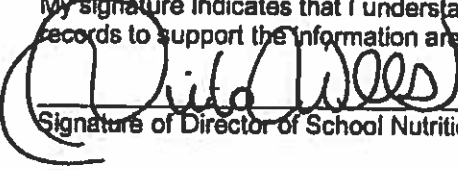
Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	biscuits, rolls, crackers
Other hardship (please list): "Farm to School" Wildcat Grilled Chicken Mac - Jr Chef recipe. WG Bowtie Pasta waiver to regular pasta. Menu Item / Seasonal. Winter menu to be served in all schools.	bowtie pasta

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	2.57 oz Biscuit Dough	Pillsbury	269210 - GFS
Rolls	1.5 oz Dinner Roll	GFS	233146 - GFS
Crackers	1.39 oz Mini Saltine	Zesta	522150 - GFS



My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
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Date

  
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SCNMC Program Coordinator

  
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Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Regina Collett, as the duly authorized representative of Bell County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits and Pizza Students will not accept the whole grain biscuits or Pizza.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Regina Collett

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9-4-18

Date

Sandra Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-5-18

Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.


The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuits	Students will not accept the whole grain biscuits. More than 50% of what is served is thrown in the waste baskets, by the students.	Several brands have been tried with no improvement in acceptance.
Pizza	Students will not eat the whole grain crust pizza. They say it tastes like cardboard and throw it away.	Tony's pizza as well as vendor pizza and other brands have been tried.

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Director of Schools

  
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Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Linda L. Tipton as the duly authorized representative of Bell County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
✓	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Waste high
✓	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Vendor stated product discontinued due to All other schools removing from bid
✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	biscuits, Pizza crust

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

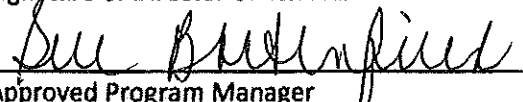
✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	biscuits, Pizza crust, pasta
	Other hardship (please list):	


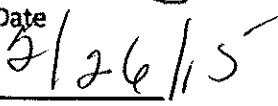
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuits	WG Biscuits <sup>Southern Style</sup>	Pillsbury	2173090
Biscuits	WG Biscuits	Mama BB	8705190
Pizza	WG Pepperoni	Tony's	5243718

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Signature of Director of Schools

  
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Approved Program Manager

  
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Date  
  
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Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Vicky Hark, as the duly authorized representative of Bluegrass challenge Academy [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not like and complain about the Biscuits WG
Other hardship (please list): Past week we did a taste testing on a different Biscuit and it was liked by all students. No complaints there @ Breakfast	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

would like to change to :

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
94562-31151	Biscuit Southern	Gen. Mills	94562-31151

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

1-7-19  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

1-7-19  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Barbara Kincaid, as the duly authorized representative of the Boone County Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	The district formerly served approximately 14,500 lunches daily prior to the meal pattern change. We currently average less than 14,000 daily and now have 4 CEP schools which has increased participation.
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). Whole grain pasta costs 63% more than enriched pasta. Whole grain biscuit costs 65% more than enriched flour biscuit	Cost of Items: WG pasta is 63% more than enriched pasta \$1.22/.76 per pound WG Biscuits are 65% more per serving than enriched 26 cents vs 17 cents per serving. WG Saltines are 100% more per serving than enriched 2 cent per WG cracker compared to 1 cents per enriched cracker Whole Grain are of unacceptable quality, palatability and flavor. Oyster saltine crackers are also not accepted in the whole grain versions.
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Saltines and oyster that maintain their shape/size. Whole grain versions arrived crumbled.
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The whole grain pastas do not have the holding quality that a good quality enriched pasta has. Students do not choose the pasta dish if the pasta is whole grain.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Spaghetti, biscuits, saltine/oyster crackers,
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product

types/brands that have been utilized:

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Barbara Hyland  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9/25/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-26-18  
Date

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Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code



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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Kim Simpson, as the duly authorized representative of Bowling Green City Schools do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	Biscuit. WG Version costs almost twice as much as regular biscuit. Invoices Attached
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:


Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code



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Signature of Director of Schools



Approved Program Manager

8-20-2015

Date

8/25/2015

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Kim Simpson, as the duly authorized representative of Bowling Green City Schools do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	Saltine Crackers. WG cost almost 4 times as much as regular. Bid documentation attached
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

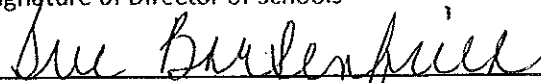
	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Signature of Director of Schools

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

3.31.2015

Date

4/1/15

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Lani Thacker, as the duly authorized representative of Boyd Co [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):  
WG Biscuits

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	WG Biscuits are higher in cost. WG #126962, 21¢ each Reg #84640 13¢ each
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuits are dark & look overcooked. The WG biscuits get very hard during holding. Not as fluffy

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students have expressed repeatedly how much they do not like the WG biscuits. They are dark and have a gummy texture. Staff/Adults has also complained and most do not eat breakfast in the cafe anymore.
Other hardship (please list): Before WG biscuits were mandatory I worked in the kitchen. On Biscuit & gravy day, students & adults were lined up out the door & across the cafeteria. We served this once a week. Now we only serve it 2x/month and it is just a reg day. No excitement or big crowds. They really dislike the taste & texture of the WG biscuits. I have tried several different ones without success. Ken Thacker	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Easy Split WG	Bakerychef	126962 GFS
Biscuit	Dough Biscuit WG	Rich's	237390 GFS
Biscuit	Dough Biscuit WG	Gen. Mills	269210 GFS

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Brown Rice

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Brown Rice is \$23.04/50 lb white Rice is \$15.05/50 lb
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Brown rice is dryer and harder to hold. not fluffy & moist like white rice

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not like the brown rice. Color, flavor, and texture. A lot are eating the meat and throwing rice in the trash.
Other hardship (please list): on April 13, 2017 I was at the high school for a taste testing. We were serving brown rice with our mandarin orange chicken. Kids came up to me to complain about the brown rice. They said it tastes bad and they do not like it. A lot of them just ate the chicken. I have also observed this is several elementary schools K Thacker	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Brown Rice	WG Br. Rice	GFS	516371



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

WG Spaghetti & Pastas

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Whole wheat pasta is higher \$25.18 5% WG is comparable but not accepted by the students 10lb
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Pasta does not have a good texture and does not hold well

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not like the brown pastas. A lot of them only eat the meat & sauce & throw away the Spaghetti & pasta.
Other hardship (please list): I repeatedly hear feedback that our "brown" noodles are not accepted by students. They do not like them. Dark mac & cheese is not appetizing. We do not want our food going in the trash, we want to feed our kids food they will eat. Please help us do that. Thank you! Lani Thacker	Dark color, gummy texture.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Spaghetti	Whole wheat Spaghetti	GFS	654590
Spaghetti	WG 5% Spaghetti	Dakota Growers	221460
Macaroni	WG 5% Macaroni	Dakota Growers	229941

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Loni Herber  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/29/17  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-2-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Judy Ellis, as the duly authorized representative of Boyle County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Biscuits and Cinnamon Rolls

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	XX WG Biscuits XX WG Cinnamon Rolls
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	2 grain white biscuit	Pillsbury	120851 currently in stock (tested) New 2 gr product to come in to warehouse fall 2018
Rolls	Cinnamon Rolls 1.5 oz	Pillsbury	101303 currently in stock @ GFS

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Judy Ellis

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/29/18

Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-9-18

Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Boyle County Board of Education

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: WG Noodles

Brand Name of product used: Ultragrain Egg  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Noodles

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Soups  
Chicken Parmesan / Noodles

Other products tested: No other WG Noodles on bid

Issues with products used and tested: WG pasta does not hold well on the serving line, either plain or in prepared dishes. It becomes gummy and sticky. It has a distinct taste that is not well accepted by students at this time.

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Date Submitted: 7-17-14

Date Approved: 7-22-14

Approving Signature: *Sandra Wagner*

*Other districts have had same issue - not many  
other products available:*

X

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Boyle County Board of Education

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: WG Rotini

Brand Name of product used: WG Dakota Growers Rotini

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Baked Pasta Recipes  
Pasta Salad

Other products tested: No other WG Rotini on bid

Issues with products used and tested: WG pasta does not hold well on the serving line, either plain or in prepared dishes. It becomes gummy and sticky. It has a distinct taste that is not well accepted by students at this time.

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Date Submitted:

Date Approved:

Approving Signature:

Other districts have had success w/ tri color rotini.



KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Boyle County Board of Education

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: WG Macaroni

Brand Name of product used: WG Barilla Macaroni

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Macaroni & Cheese

Other products tested: WG Dakota Growers Macaroni

Issues with products used and tested: WG pasta does not hold well on the serving line, either plain or in prepared dishes. It becomes gummy and sticky. It has a distinct taste that is not well accepted by students at this time.

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Date Submitted: 7-17-14

Date Approved: 7-22-14

Approving Signature: Sarah Wagner

Other districts have same issues - haven't been successful w/ mac & cheese.



X

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Boyle County Board of Education

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: WG Spaghetti

Brand Name of product used: WG Dakota Spaghetti

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Spaghetti with Meat sauce  
Chili  
Baked Pasta

Other products tested: No other WG Spaghetti on bid

Issues with products used and tested: WG pasta does not hold well on the serving line, either plain or in prepared dishes. It becomes gummy and sticky. It has a distinct taste that is not well accepted by students at this time.

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Date Submitted:

Date Approved:

Approving Signature:

Have seen success with these products.



## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Tabitha Napier, as the duly authorized representative of Breathitt Co. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole grain biscuit
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Whole grain biscuit
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

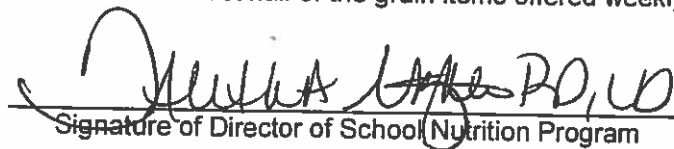
Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain biscuit
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11/19/18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-20-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Kaitlin Harrison, as the duly authorized representative of Butter Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole grain biscuits, whole grain crackers
X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain biscuits

Yes Hardship(s):

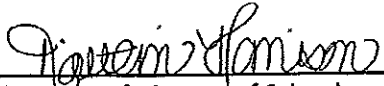
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> Students have not accepted some of the whole grain products, specifically whole grain biscuits & crackers and consequently we have experienced decreased participation. The attached production records for Butler County High School clearly depict the decreased acceptance. WG biscuits are also most costly & can prove a financial hardship when participation and food costs are considered.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
biscuit	WG biscuit	Rich's	237390
crackers	WG crackers		522150

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Signature of Director of Schools

11/19/2015  
Date

Valerie Crouch  
Approved Program Manager

1/5/2016  
Date

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Students have accepted other whole grain products, however whole grain biscuits are not palatable and have made it difficult to be financially viable. Whole grain crackers ~~and torts~~ are also causing decreased acceptance



Date: 9-18-13

**Name of School:**

**Butler County High School**

Type of Meal: Breakfast

Mean Planning Approach/Group Used:	9-12
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Offer Veritas Serve:	Yes
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Reimbursable Meals Served:	212
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Non-reimbursable Meals Served:	
	2

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## DIVISION OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION

## BREAKFAST PRODUCTION RECORD



8-10-15		Butler County High School		Menu: Biscuit, Sausage, Chicken Patty, Mini Pancakes, Apples, Juice Choice	
Name of School:	Age/Grade Group:	9th-12th			
	Offer Versus Serve:	Yes			
	Planned Student Meals:	175			
	Planned Adult / A La Carte Meals:	5/1			
	Reimbursable Meals Served:	37			
	Adult A La Carte:	0			

Milk	Choc, White, Straw,	8oz	1/2 Cup	FBG	200/5/2	144		110 <sup>4</sup>	
Fruits									
	Apples	1/2 Cup	1/2 Cup	FBG	50/2	40		29 <sup>4</sup>	
	Apple Juice	4oz	1/2 Cup	FBG	50/1/1	60		50 <sup>4</sup>	
	Grape Juice	4oz	1/2 Cup	FBG	50/1	60		47 <sup>4</sup>	
	Orange Juice	4oz	1/2 Cup	FBG	50/1	50		36 <sup>4</sup>	
Vegetables									
Whole Grains & Grains									
	Biscuit	2.1 oz	2 Ser	CN	175/2	108		75 <sup>4</sup>	
	Sausage	2oz	1 Ser	CN	80/2	119		85 <sup>4</sup>	28 <sup>4</sup>
	Chicken Patty	1.45oz	1 Ser	CN	75/1	84		64 <sup>4</sup>	
	Mini Pancakes	3.53	2 Ser	CN	50/1	36		32 <sup>4</sup>	
Extra Foods									
Other Foods									
	Mustard	3.5gm	0	0	25/1	25		22 <sup>4</sup>	
	Jelly	10gm			50/1	25		23 <sup>4</sup>	
						36		32	

Extra Foods - Meats not counted as a grain

Extra Foods- Vegetables not counted as fruit/vegetable

Leftovers - Recorded in proper food component category



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982700	1	BOX	18-12CT TORTL FLOUR ULTRGR 8" 08209	GR	1.19	21.38	21.38
153121	2	CASE	4-6# LETTUCE SALAD TINY CHOP 91763	PR	6.80	23.60	47.20
198013	3	CASE	1-113CT NAVE/VAL ORANGES FCY 98725	PR	0.24	26.86	80.58
198058	2	CASE	1-98-110CT PEAR MRKN 2329103/21840	PR	34.40	34.40	68.80
200899	1	CASE	1-40# BANANAS TURNING 126CT AVG P/L	PR	20.93	20.93	20.93
201458	5	CASE	1-138CT RED DELICIOUS APPLES 91190	PR	0.17	23.52	117.60
508616	1	CASE	1-26# TOMATOES RANDOM #2 P/L	PR	20.53	20.53	20.53
510837	1	CASE	12-2# CLEANED WHL BABY CARROTS 95012	PR	1.72	20.56	20.56
692323	1	CASE	1-8CT CUCUMBER SELECT P/L 789	PR	1.12	6.71	6.71
697481	6	CASE	1-138CT GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLES 90311	PR	30.87	30.87	163.35
732478	2	CASE	4-3# BROCCOLI FLORET 18842/91800	PR	5.38	21.44	42.88
Totals:		24	Total Cooler Pieces				
237389	2	CASE	210-2.1Z DOUGH BISCUIT WGRAIN RICH 93	FR	33.05	33.05	66.10
281821	1	CASE	6-4# DICED ONIONS IQF v	FR	3.70	22.19	22.19
282343	1	CASE	48-2Z MUFFIN DBL CHOC WGRAIN IW 8862	FR	0.29	14.10	14.10
288890	1	CASE	1-30# BROCCOLI CUTS IQF GFS	FR	28.54	28.54	28.54
508832	1	CASE	12-2# DICED SWT GREEN PEPR 72008506	FR	2.14	28.70	28.70
650021	3	CASE	240-1Z DOUGH CKY CHOC CHIP GFS 650021	FR	0.12	28.40	85.20
112630	4	CASE	1-12# CKD SAUSAGE PTY 2Z GFS 112630	MT	22.11	22.11	88.44
160432	1	CASE	128-3.31 PIZZA WGRAIN BKFST TKY 83912	MT	5.01	40.10	40.10
235411	1	CASE	144CT BRDSTX CH9 702011-1120	MT	54.28	54.28	54.28
277722	0	CASE	80-2Z SAUSAGE PTY LO SOD CKD 18717	MT		0.00	Temp Out
572910	1	CASE	96-4.6Z PIZZA TKY PEPP WGR 1627220114	MT	0.52	67.79	67.79
572910	1	CASE	NOI DISCOUNT	MT		-18.00	-18.00
160160	1	CASE	277-2.3Z CHIX STRP FAJT COMM 3622-0928	PO	0.66	182.18	182.18
281771	1	CASE	780-74Z CHIX RING BRD 70368-928	PO	14.87	89.22	89.22
281831	1	CASE	750-69Z CHIX NUG BRD 70364-928	PO	13.09	78.55	78.55
283981	1	CASE	1-450CT CHIX TNR WGRAIN 70334-928	PO	76.28	76.28	76.28
327120	3	CASE	8-6# CHIX POPCORN BRD WGRAI 70368-928	PO	13.06	78.36	235.08
138440	6	CASE	72-4Z JUICE APPL 100% FZ 090301	BV	0.11	7.87	39.39
138450	4	CASE	72-4Z JUICE ORANGE 100% FZ 090100	BV	0.13	9.30	37.20

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Item Code	Qty Ship	Unit	Item Description	g	Invent. Value	Unit Price	Ext	Extended Price
882700	2	BOX	18-12CT TORTL FLOUR ULTRGR 8" 06209	GR	1.19	21.38		42.76
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198086	1	CASE	1-95-110CT PEAR MRKN 2328103/21640	PR	34.81	34.81		34.81
201488	6	CASE	1-138CT RED DELICIOUS APPLES 91160	PR	0.17	23.47		140.82
608616	2	CASE	1-25# TOMATOES RANDOM #2 P/L	PR	20.80	20.80		41.60
682323	1	CASE	1-8CT CUCUMBER SELECT P/L 789	PR	1.04	6.21		6.21
732478	2	CASE	4-3# BROCCOLI FLORET 18842/91600	PR	6.41	21.82		43.24
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288580	2	CASE	1-30# BROCCOLI CUTS IQF GFS	FR	28.54	28.54		57.08
608676	2	CASE	6-5# FRIES WEDGE CUT RANCH LAMB R12	FR	4.14	24.84		49.68
618162	2	CASE	216-90.STYLE BISCUIT DGH 2.22 0625	FR	0.12	28.68		53.36
238411	2	CASE	144CT BRD9TX CHS 702011-1120	MT	38.28	54.28		108.56
238411	2	CASE	NOI DISCOUNT	MT		-17.99		-35.98
281771	1	CASE	750-74Z CHX RING BRD 70366-928	PO	9.97	89.22		89.22
281771	1	CASE	NOI DISCOUNT	PO		-29.43		-29.43
283981	2	CASE	1-450CT CHX THDR WGRAIN 70334-928	PO	82.10	78.28		162.68
283981	2	CASE	NOI DISCOUNT	PO		-14.18		-28.36



## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption


Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Whole grain biscuits	financial hardship, unacceptable product quality, poor student acceptability	Rich's
Whole grain crackers	financial hardship, poor student acceptability	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
Signature of Director of Schools

Butler Co.  
District

6/10/16  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-8-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements**  
**School Year 2018-19**

I, William W. Brown, as the duly authorized representative of the Cabinet County School District [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Participation has dropped markedly since offering wg products and biscuits
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Wg crackers lose mouth feel and become grainy in soup/chili Wg biscuits do not rise properly, bake up much smaller and are not appealing in taste, texture, and appearance

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not like nor accept the wg biscuits nor the WG crackers when offered with soup and chili. Participation has dropped and multiple parent/student complaints have arisen.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cracker/saltine	Crackers Saltine Zesta	Keebler	01466
Biscuit	Pillsbury Biscuit Dough	General Mills	10084

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/20/14  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SON/MC Program Coordinator

6-26-14  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, William Brown, as the duly authorized representative of Caldwell County Schools (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
x	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain cracker loses mouth feel and becomes grainy in soup/chili

Yes Hardship(s):

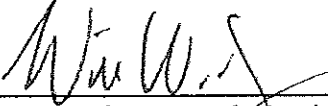
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

x	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students would not take product and faced many parent complaints. Flavor and texture very poor with soups and chili.
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cracker/saltine	Crackers Saltine Zesta	Keebler	01466

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Schools

8/3/15  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

8/5/15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Pat Lane, as the duly authorized representative of Calloway County Schools Food Service, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	There is not always a product in WG form. Such as most pasta.
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG products stick together. They are mushy. Color turn students off.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students will not accept the WG biscuit, WG Crackers, WG Pasta. They would rather choose Pizza Line.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  Vendors have not created a biscuit that doesn't taste sweet. Crackers do not hold their quality. Pasta when cooking becomes clumped. Cooks have tried several ways to prepare without any accepts from customers (students).	To increase participation I switched to regular pasta. Adding a WG roll to make up for the WG requirement when possible. The white biscuit is accepted and I offer two choices of crackers: WG and White. Let the customer choose. It has helped my participation

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit Dough 2.2 oz Pillsbury meets 1.5 grain	Pillsbury/General Mills	94562-06252

SEE Next page →

... accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Pat Lane  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/30/18  
Date

Donna Uy  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-4-18  
Date

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Crackers	Crackers White	Kellogg's/Keebler Sunshine	01446 / 113836
Pasta – Lasagna	Noodles Ribbed Lasagna 5288	A Zerega	130458

Pasta – Elbow Mac  
Pasta – Spaghetti

Elbow Macaroni  
Spaghetti Noodles

Patria 130642  
Patria 130640

## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuit	Poor Student Acceptance Participation dropped	Peach Valley WG GM-WG Biscuit

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Pat Lane  
Signature of Director of Schools

Calloway Co. 6/7/16  
District Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-7-16  
Date

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\* This is extension from last year.  
Thanks,  
Pat



## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Pat Lane, as the duly authorized representative of Calloway Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	2 grain WG shell is not available - Have 2 use 2 shells at HS
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	the WG 1.5 quality is terrible, students do not accept.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

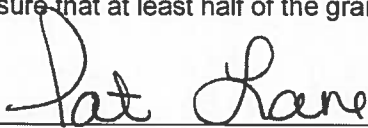
<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not accept WG Tortilla Shells.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> No 2WG available from vendor.	To increase participation & student preference I need to use white shell.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Tortilla Shell	8" Ultragrain Flour Tortilla	Mission Foods	33824

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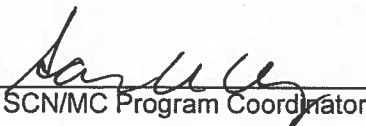
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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9-19-18

Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-21-18

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Pat Lane, as the duly authorized representative of Calloway Co Foodservice (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Begin offering WG roll but students want crackers for soups/chili
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	SEE Attachment Task State / Pkg. open students returning

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students & staff complain that the crackers are soft/stale
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Cracker	Sensharu Harvest	Keebler	11455 - CBS Code 114378
WG Roll	WG Honey Wheat Roll	National Food	00047 - 31655
* Saltine Cracker	Zesta Crackers	Keebler	01446 - 113836

Good for salads but not soups/chili

\* This is what I would like to offer for soups/chili

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Pasta: spaghetti, Lasagna, wide noodles, macaroni
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Pasta: the only brand offered is Patria & AZ cereals

Barilla better brand but not available

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students say it tastes like mush. Does not hold shape. Students refuse & throw away
	Other hardship (please list): procuring a product based on price (equal too) that students will accept.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

\* to replace wide noodles (Patria 130641)

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Lasagna	sheets	Windsor	74849 / CPS Code 25100
Spaghetti	Noodles	Patria	130640
Macaroni	Noodles	Patria	130642

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Pat Lane  
Director of Schools

1/17/17  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

1-17-17  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Pat Lane, as the duly authorized representative of Calloway County School District do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

YES	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Please see attached documents.
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
YES	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Product using is not accepted by the students.
YES	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Student complains about texture, color, taste and after taste.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

YES	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Participation has fallen drastically due to the WG Biscuit and Crackers.
YES	Other hardship (please list):  Availability of accepted product being on bid and accepted by students. Due to USDA mandates some manufacturers are still finding difficult to produce a product of good quality.	My students accept the WG Breading, WG sandwich grains and most other products.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit e-z Split 3" Pre baked	Con Agra/ Bakery Chef	CRS # 10077
Cracker	Sunshine Harvest Mill Wheat	Kellogg's	CRS # 114378



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Pat Lane

Signature of Director of Schools

4/3/15

Date

Ramona Conner

Approved Program Manager

4/3/15

Date

Sue Bartenfield

4/6/15

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Dear food service director,

We would very much appreciate it if we could have regular Saltine crackers at lunch. As of right now, we have to eat wheat crackers, which nobody enjoys. Students would actually eat the school chili if the crackers actually had good flavor. That is why we should switch from gross wheat crackers to delicious Saltine crackers.

Sincerely,  
A hungry Student

Dear Food Service Director,

We would appreciate the change from wheat crackers to salted crackers. In my opinion the salted crackers tastes better and the wheat crackers suck. Also the salted crackers are cheaper.

From,

CHS Student

Dear foodservice director,

We should get saltine crackers back. wheat  
crackers are disgusting.

Sincerely, CHS student

Dear, food service director

Saltine crackers have more flavor then wheat crackers. I would highly appreciate if you would change them back.

Thank You,  
CHS Students



[REDACTED]

Dear food service director, we need to change from wheat crackers cuz ~~that's~~ nasty and they just do not taste good at all. I know myself and others would much rather regular saltine crackers.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear food service director,

We would enjoy if you change wheat cracker to saltine crackers. The chili would taste alot better and more enjoyable. They taste alot better.

Sincerely

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Dear food service director,

I would appreciate if you change the wheat crackers back to regular salted crackers. One reason why is because most people use salted crackers at home. Also I think they just taste better.

Sincerely,





Dear Food Service Director,

We would appreciate it if you would change the wheat crackers to saltine crackers. They are what we use at home. They also taste better than the wheat crackers.

Sincerely,  
Chs student

Dear Food Service Director

We would love if we could have normal crackers no wheat! One reason is they taste weird if they're wheat crackers in our chili.

Thank You,  
CHS Student

Dear food services director,

Saltin Crackers are better  
with chili. Wheat crackers are nasty. I hop we could  
change to regular crackers,

CHS students

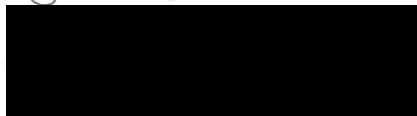
Dear Food Service director

we would enjoy if you use saltine  
crackers. It tastes better. They mix  
better with chili.

- CHS student

Dear Food Service Director,

I want saltine crackers back because  
it's what we eat at home.  
It tastes better and they mix better  
with chili.

-Dear  
CHS Student  


Dear Food Service Director,

The students would really enjoy if we bring back Saline crackers. The wheat crackers are not very satisfying with our lunch. When eating chilli, the crackers throw off the taste because it is not flavorful enough. Also, the crackers are not crunchy enough.

Sincerely,

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Dear Food Service Director,

I think we should change the wheat crackers to saltine crackers. Nobody wants to eat the wheat crackers because there is no reason to have them. A lot of people has been wanted the saltine crackers for a while

Sincerely,

CHS

Student



## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, David Petertt, as the duly authorized representative of Campbellsville Ind. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

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Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	GFS no longer offers X the whole grain lasagna.
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s): Saltine Crackers  
Whole Grain Lasagna

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Student feedback was X extremely negative concerning whole wheat crackers.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Lasagna/Pasta Noodles	Noodles for lasagna	GFS	108197
Crackers	Saltine Crackers	GFS	270644

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program



Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator



Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, **Lacinda Bass**, as the duly authorized representative of **Carlisle County** [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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Hardship(s):

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	X

Hardship(s):

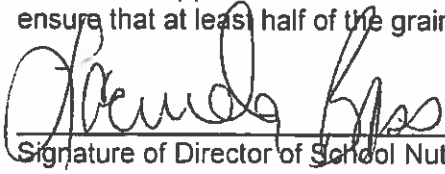
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits  Tortilla shells  crackers
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:


Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit 2.2 oz easy split	Pillsbury	866920
tortilla	Tortilla 6 in	La fronteriza	702633
cracker	4 ct zesta cracker	kelloggs	270644

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Lacinda Pool, as the duly authorized representative of Carlisle County School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

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	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
X	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Whole Grain Zesta Cracker
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Zesta Cracker Whole Grain Tortillas

Yes Hardship(s):

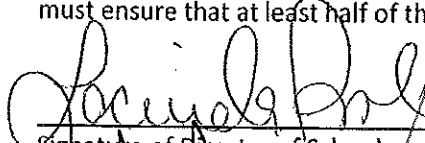
List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Zesta Crackers Whole Grain Tortillas
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

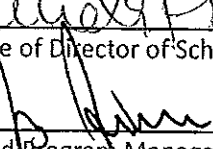
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Tortilla	Tortilla 10 in & 8 in	Tyson	CRS #13912 & CRS# 13907
Cracker	Zesta Saltine 4pk	kelloggs	CRS # 113836

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Signature of Director of Schools

7/29/15  
Date

  
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Approved Program Manager

7/29/15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Lisa Gault, as the duly authorized representative of Carroll Co. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase	n
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	whole grain	Pillsbury	32268
Biscuit	whole grain	Peach Valley	

Hardship(s):

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Hardship(s):

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Student acceptability is very low due to taste texture appearance

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Pasta/rice
Other hardship (please list):	We do have lots of waste due to all of this.

We have switched to different types several times to try to get the students to accept both pasta and rice. They just don't like the WG.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Penne Pasta	Whole grain	Dakota Growers	6738792010
Spaghetti	Whole grain	Barilla America Inc	1000013340

rice whole grain

Uncle Bens 45533

rotini whole grain

Uncle Bens 45532

Pasta

Kent Processing  
BFS Dakota Growers 6738792021

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/30/18  
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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-30-18  
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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

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**Hardship(s):**

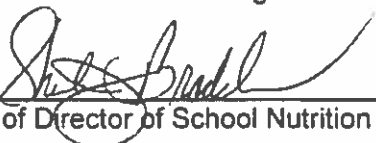
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<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students don't accept whole grain lasagna noodles. They become gummy and fall apart. Appearance is unsatisfactory as well as texture.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Lasagna Noodle	Cooked Lasagna Pasta	GFS	898271
Lasagna Noodle	Ridged Curly Lasagna Pasta	GFS	108197

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

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<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Egg Noodles

Hardship(s):

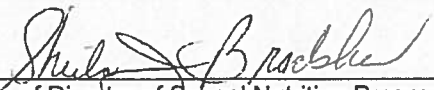
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

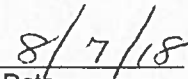
<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students don't accept whole grain pasta noodles for chicken soup. They become gummy and fall apart. Appearance is unsatisfactory as well as texture.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

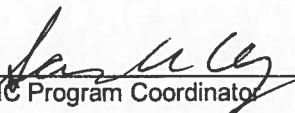
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

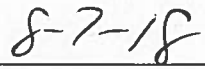
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Egg Noodle	Egg Noodle Pasta	GFS	108162

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk  
For School Year 2017-18

I, Sheila Bradshaw, as the duly authorized representative of Carter County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Yes Hardship(s):

Documentation Submitted  
(invoices, waste study,  
production records, etc.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	<u>Alc Carte Report for Milk Sales 2013-2016</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/28/17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

7-11-17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements**  
**School Year 2016-2017**

I, Elva Brindley, as the duly authorized representative of Cherokee County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
✓	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Handwritten notes in right margin
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

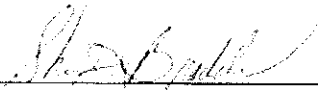
Yes Hardship(s):

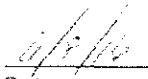
✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Handwritten notes in right margin
✓	Other hardship (please list):  For May 2016 I received a negative response from students and parents about the whole grain-rich product(s) offered. The students and parents did not like the taste and texture of the product. The students and parents did not want to eat the product. The students and parents did not want to eat the product. The students and parents did not want to eat the product.	Handwritten notes in right margin


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

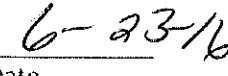
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuits	Southern Style 1.2oz	General Mills	45573 GFS
Biscuits	Buttermilk 2.5oz	General Mills	411700 GFS
Biscuits	Southern Style 1.2oz	General Mills	130433 GFS
Biscuits	Southern Style 1.2oz	General Mills	60152 GFS
Whole Grain Pasta	4/5#	CEX	403200 GFS
Whole Grain Pasta	10/4.5#	CEX	600411 GFS
Whole Grain Pasta	20/10#	CEX	600411 GFS

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Schools

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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Date

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## **Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition**

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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2015 2:29 PM  
**To:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** FW: WG Exemption

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**From:** Bradshaw, Shelia  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2015 1:02 PM  
**To:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** Re: WG Exemption

Is it possible to please reconsider my request based on the following information?

We are capable of meeting the requirement of having at least half of our grains whole grain rich. We make our own rolls using Ultra Grain flour and all of our pizza, corn dogs, chicken nuggets, chicken patties and taco chips/shells are whole grain rich.

I put out my own bread bid and Heiner's is the only company that will respond so this is the company we use. Other districts using Heiner's have also had difficulty receiving whole grain buns this SY.

Flowers is located in Lexington KY which is over 1 1/2 hours away and is the only company that will supply our district through our co-op. I am afraid I will jump out of the frying pan into the fire by going with a bread company located that far away. I don't know of any local district that has ever used them.

Sheila Bradshaw  
Child Nutrition Director  
SNA Certified Level II  
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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2015 8:31 AM  
**To:** Bradshaw, Shelia  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** WG Exemption

Shelia,

We have received your request for an exemption from the whole grain rich requirements for your buns and bread.

It is still required with an exemption that you serve at least half of your grain products as whole grain rich products. If your bread and buns were not whole grain we would be concerned how you would meet this requirement.

Do you procure your grain products through your co-op? Have you brought these issues up with them?



We think it would be in your best interest to address this issue from the procurement standpoint. You may need to find a new vendor for grain products or address substitution issues in your bid for next year.

Exemptions, when approved, are temporary and it is asked that you continue to try to find acceptable whole grain rich products even while you have an exemption.

If you would like to reapply for an exemption for other products, please feel free to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*Sandy Wagner NDTR, SNS*

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**To:** Bradshaw, Shelia  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Sheila Bradshaw, as the duly authorized representative of Carter County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Hot Dog Buns Letter Attached

Hardship(s):

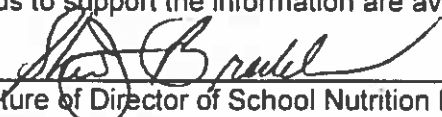
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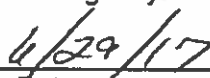
Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Hamburger Buns Letter of Student Waste Attached
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

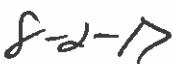
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
HD Bun		Bimbo	4266
HB Bun		Bimbo	3447
Replace with 3777 Sunny HD Bun + 3778 Sunny HB Bun			

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Sheila J Bradshaw, as the duly authorized representative of Carter County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). *	
X	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	WG Hot Dog Buns, WG Hamburger Buns and WG Sliced Bread
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Hot Dog Bun	Sunny Buns 12pk	Heiner's	0003778
Hamburger Bun	Sunny Buns 12pk	Heiner's	0003777
Sliced Bread	Giant 24oz	Heiner's	0003772
Sliced Bread	Old Fashioned 20oz	Heiner's	0003773
Sliced Bread	King 20oz	Heiner's	0006757

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Ronnie Dotsen

Signature of Director of Schools

5/6/15

Date

Shelley Brockman, FSD

Approved Program Manager

5/6/15

Date

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# bread

Ellis, Debbie

Wed 5/6/2015 11:33 AM

Inbox

To: Bradshaw, Shelia <sheila.bradshaw@carter.kyschools.us>;

Sheila Bradshaw

It has been very difficult to get the whole grain bread this school year. We never know what we will receive. We have received substitutions that are sometimes smaller packages which causes a shortage of bread. We are also required to turn in our bread order much earlier. When we do this it often results in having too much or too little bread. It was especially hard during the winter when bad weather caused school cancelations. We were not allowed to cancel or change the order because whole grain bread is considered to be a special order.

Debbie Ellis

## Re: Whole Grain Waiver for 15-16 SY

Flaugher, Tempest

Wed 5/6/2015 10:08 AM

Inbox

To: Bradshaw, Shelia <sheila.bradshaw@carter.kyschools.us>;

When you order the whole grain they would bring white bread or buns. They would say that you need to order two weeks ahead. But sometimes still bring white.

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**From:** Bradshaw, Shelia

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2015 9:26 AM

**To:** Skaggs, Sheila; P'Simer, Rhonda; Smith, Linda; Flaugher, Tempest; Hamilton, Bonnie; Middleton, Viola; Rice, Kathy; Eldridge, Brenda; Ellis, Debbie; Gilliam, Jackie; Parker, Kristi

**Subject:** Whole Grain Waiver for 15-16 SY

Managers, I need your assistance in applying for this waiver which, if approved, would allow us to order white buns and bread next year. I want each of you to email me a description of the difficulty you have had receiving our whole grain bid products.

Sheila Bradshaw  
Child Nutrition Director  
SNA Certified Level II  
Carter County Schools  
228 S Carol Malone Blvd  
Grayson KY 41143  
Phone 606-474-9658  
Fax 606-474-6125

## Re: I need information on the bread orders!!

Eldridge, Brenda

Mon 5/4/2015 9:56 AM

Inbox

To: Bradshaw, Shelia <sheila.bradshaw@carter.kyschools.us>;

*I received regular bread on occasion but only because my regular driver was not working and the sub did not order whole grain far enough in advanced to get it*

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**From:** Bradshaw, Shelia

**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 9:54 AM

**To:** Skaggs, Sheila; P'Simer, Rhonda; Smith, Linda; Flaughner, Tempest; Hamilton, Bonnie; Middleton, Viola; Rice, Kathy; Eldridge, Brenda; Ellis, Debbie; Gilliam, Jackie; Parker, Kristi

**Subject:** I need information on the bread orders!!

I need to know if the bread company sent anything that was not whole grain or whole wheat this past month. I cannot figure out some of the bread invoices and I need to know what they are sending and why we couldn't get the whole grain items.

Sheila Bradshaw  
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Phone 606-474-9658  
Fax 606-474-6125



## Re: Whole Grain Waiver for 15-16 SY

Skaggs, Sheila

Wed 5/6/2015 11:02 AM

Inbox

To: Bradshaw, Shelia <sheila.bradshaw@carter.kyschools.us>;

We have trouble getting the full order WG. Usually some of it is always white. The days we offer a slice of bread with the meal, some of the kids refuse it. We have asked them and there answer is we don't like brown bread. And it is a inconvenience to only be able to order on Thursdays. If there is a problem and we need to order more WG bread or buns. Heiners can not get WG overnight.

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**From:** Bradshaw, Shelia

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2015 9:26 AM

**To:** Skaggs, Sheila; P'Simer, Rhonda; Smith, Linda; Flaughner, Tempest; Hamilton, Bonnie; Middleton, Viola; Rice, Kathy; Eldridge, Brenda; Ellis, Debbie; Gilliam, Jackie; Parker, Kristi

**Subject:** Whole Grain Waiver for 15-16 SY

Managers, I need your assistance in applying for this waiver which, if approved, would allow us to order white buns and bread next year. I want each of you to email me a description of the difficulty you have had receiving our whole grain bid products.

Sheila Bradshaw  
Child Nutrition Director  
SNA Certified Level II  
Carter County Schools  
228 S Carol Malone Blvd  
Grayson KY 41143  
Phone 606-474-9658  
Fax 606-474-6125

## Re: I need information on the bread orders!!

Hamilton, Bonnie

Mon 5/4/2015 11:10 AM

Inbox

To: Bradshaw, Shelia <sheila.bradshaw@carter.kyschools.us>;

All of my invoices are showing whole grain, but last week I did get two packages of sunny hot dog buns, but my receipt does not show that.

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**From:** Bradshaw, Shelia

**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2015 1:54 PM

**To:** Skaggs, Sheila; P'Simer, Rhonda; Smith, Linda; Flaughner, Tempest; Hamilton, Bonnie; Middleton, Viola; Rice, Kathy; Eldridge, Brenda; Ellis, Debbie; Gilliam, Jackie; Parker, Kristi

**Subject:** I need information on the bread orders!!

I need to know if the bread company sent anything that was not whole grain or whole wheat this past month. I cannot figure out some of the bread invoices and I need to know what they are sending and why we couldn't get the whole grain items.

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# WHOLE GRAIN BREAD WAIVER

P'Simer, Rhonda

Wed 5/6/2015 9:34 AM

Inbox

To: Bradshaw, Shelia <sheila.bradshaw@carter.kyschools.us>;

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHOLE GRAIN BREAD PRODUCTS HAVE TO BE ORDERED AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE. IF OTHER FOOD VENDORS HAVE SHORTED WHOLE GRAIN FLOURS THEN A BREAD ORDER HAS TO BE PLACED LATE. THE LATE ORDER WILL BE WHITE BREAD OR BUNS. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN TIMES THAT I HAVE RECIEVED WHITE BREAD OR BUNS BECAUSE THE BAKERY RAN OUT.

Rhonda P'Simer  
West Carter Middle School  
Cafeteria Manager  
P.O. Box 1510  
Olive Hill, Ky. 41164

Phone 606-286-6756  
Email rhonda.psimer@carter.kyschools.us

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78700-80017	0004258 R&I 100WH HAM12P	14		1.6500	23.10
72610-00201	0003773 HE OF WHITE 20Z	15		1.2600	18.90
	SL R&I				
	SL REGNL				
	SUB-TOTALS	14			23.10
	SUB-TOTALS	15			18.90
	DELIVERY				42.00
	TOTALS	29			
	TICKET				42.00
	TOTALS	29			42.00

THANK YOU  
SIGNATURE / STORE STAMP :

*Kurt Parker*

EARTHGRAINS

\*\*\*DELIVERIES\*\*

UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
2610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HWY 12P	5		1.6100	8.05
	SL REGNL				
	SL REGNL				
	SUB-TOTALS	5			8.05
	DELIVERY				8.05
	TOTALS	5			8.05
	TICKET				8.05
	TOTALS	5			8.05

THANK YOU

*Kurt Parker*

Signature  
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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL	WHOLESALE
		RETAIL	AMOUNT	PRICE AMOUNT
72610-00300	0006758 HE SG WHEAT 24Z	5		1.5600 7.80
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNY 12P	45		1.6100 72.45
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	50		80.25
	DELIVERY TOTALS	50		80.25
	TICKET TOTALS	50		80.25

THANK YOU  
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Kathy Rice

Did not get the order  
in time to get  
w/G. I called but  
he said he didn't get  
my message

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL	WHOLESALE
		RETAIL	AMOUNT	PRICE AMOUNT
72610-00411	0003777 HE HOTS 12P 18Z	47		1.6100 75.
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	47		75.
	DELIVERY TOTALS	47		75.
	TICKET TOTALS	47		75.

THANK YOU  
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Kathy Rice

Did not get the  
order in time to get  
w/G had to take what  
I could get

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL RETAIL	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
71673-01212	0003239 R&I WGWHL 24SL24	15		1.5000	22.50
78700-80021	0003447 R&I WGW HAMS 12P	40		1.6500	66.00
72610-00201	0003773 HE OF WHITE 20Z	5		1.2600	6.30
	BIMBO RI SUB-TOTALS	15			22.50
	SL R&I SUB-TOTALS	40			66.00
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	5			6.30
	DELIVERY TOTALS	60			94.80
	TICKET TOTALS	60			94.80

THANK YOU  
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*Spekkee Ellis*

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY RETAIL	RETAIL AMOUNT	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
2610-00200	0006757 HE KING WHITE20Z	15		1.2600	18.90
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	15			18.90
	DELIVERY TOTALS	15			18.90
	TICKET TOTALS	15			18.90

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*Rebbie Ellis*

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY RETAIL	RETAIL AMOUNT	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
72610-00300	0006758 HE SG WHEAT 24Z	15			
72610-00411	0003777 HE HOTS 12P 18Z	30		1.5600	23.40
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNY 12P	45		1.6100	48.30
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	90		1.6100	72.45
	DELIVERY TOTALS	90			144.15
	TICKET TOTALS	90			144.15

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*Rebbie Ellis*

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72610-00300	0006758 HE SG WHEAT 24Z	12		
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNY 12P	55		
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	67		
	DELIVERY TOTALS	67		
	TICKET TOTALS	67		
				107.27

THANK YOU  
SIGNATURE / STORE STAMP :

*Linda Smith*

EARTHGRAINS

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL	WHOLESALE
		RETAIL	AMOUNT	PRICE AMOUNT
72610-00101	0003772 HE GIANT WHI 24Z	40		
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNY 12P	55		
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	95		
	DELIVERY TOTALS	95		
	TICKET TOTALS	95		
				144.15

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*Linda Smith*

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL RETAIL	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
72610-00201	0003773 HE OF WHITE 20Z	30		1.2600	37.80
72610-00411	0003777 HE HOTS 12P 16Z	12		1.6100	19.32
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNY 12P	12		1.6100	19.32
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	54			76.44
	DELIVERY TOTALS	54			76.44
	TICKET TOTALS	54			76.44

THANK YOU  
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*Shirley D. Braden*

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL RETAIL	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
72610-00300	0006758 HE SG WHEAT 24Z	26		1.5600	40.56
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNY 12P	50		1.6100	80.50
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	76			121.06
	DELIVERY TOTALS	76			121.06
	TICKET TOTALS	76			121.06

THANK YOU  
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*Kathy Ricci*

Not What I Ordered  
I must have ordered too  
late to get the right Brand  
Kathy



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		RETAIL	AMOUNT	PRICE	AMOUNT
72610-00300	0006758 HE SG WHEAT 24Z	20		1.5600	31.20
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	20			31.20
	DELIVERY TOTALS	20			31.20
	TICKET TOTALS	20			31.20

THANK YOU  
SIGNATURE / STORE STAMP :

Kathy Rice

Still Couldn't  
Get the right Blend

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		RETAIL	AMOUNT	PRICE	AMOUNT
78700-80021	0003447 R&I WGW HAMS 12P	50		1.6500	82.50
78700-80070	0004266 R&I WGW HOTS 16P	38		2.2000	83.60
72610-00307	0006477 HE 100%WW RT 24Z	6		1.4500	8.70
	SL R&I SUB-TOTALS	88			166.10
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	6			8.70
	DELIVERY TOTALS	94			174.80
	TICKET TOTALS	94			174.80

THANK YOU  
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Kathy Rice

Still could not get  
the right Blend

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UPC	ITEM NO	SUGG QTY	RETAIL	WHOLESALE PRICE	WHOLESALE AMOUNT
72610-00101	0003772 HE GIANT WHI 24Z	84		1.3900	116.76
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	84			116.76
	DELIVERY TOTALS	84			116.76
	TICKET TOTALS	84			116.76

THANK YOU

SIGNATURE / STORE STAMP :

*Kathy Bie*

Still Did not  
get the right  
Bread

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72610-00101	0003772 HE GIANT WHI 24Z	20		1.3900	27.80
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	20			27.80
	DELIVERY TOTALS	20			27.80
	TICKET TOTALS	20			27.80

THANK YOU

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*Dubbin Bell*

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ATLANTA, GA 30353-2992

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2945-70544	0003087 SL S&S WGW 20Z	10			1.5000	15.00
2610-00201	0003773 HE OF WHITE 20Z	2			1.2600	2.52
2610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNV 12P	10			1.6100	16.10
	SARA LEE SUB-TOTALS	10				15.00
	SL REGNL SUB-TOTALS	12				18.62
	DELIVERY TOTALS	22				33.62
	TICKET TOTALS	22				33.62

THANK YOU  
SIGNATURE / STORE STAMP :

*Brenda Eldridge*

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UPC	ITEM NO	QTY	SUGG RETAIL	RETAIL AMOUNT	WHOLESALE PRICE	AMOUNT
72610-00418	0003778 HE SUNNY HNV 12P	32	2.49	79.68	1.8600	59.5
	EARTHGRN SUB-TOTALS	32		79.68		59.5
	DELIVERY TOTALS	32		79.68		59.5
	TICKET TOTALS	32		79.68		59.5

THANK YOU  
SIGNATURE / STORE STAMP :

*Vanessa Middleton*

Matthew G. Bevin  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Becky Anderson, as the duly authorized representative of Casey Co. Food Service {SFA Name}, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	X WG Biscuits
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
bread	Biscuit WG	Pillsbury	269210
bread	Biscuit WG	Rich's	237390

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Becky Anderson  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-6-17  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-11-17  
Date

Please complete this form, sign, and electronically submit to Sandy Wagner at [Sandra.wagner@education.ky.gov](mailto:Sandra.wagner@education.ky.gov)

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Governor



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Education and  
Workforce Development Cabinet

Wayne D. Lewis  
Interim Commissioner of Education

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Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19

I, Prudic Bishop, as the duly authorized representative of Carroll Independent School [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

*Shirley Bishop*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/19/18  
Date

*Sandy Wagner*  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-23-18  
Date

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<i>WG Biscuit - students throw away a lot NOT eating. Complaints on Color and texture.</i>
Other hardship (please list):	<i>School Staff are constantly hearing negativity from customers</i>

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*Freddie Bishop*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/19/18  
Date

*Sandy Wagner*  
SN/MC Program Coordinator

7-23-18  
Date

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Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Pasta doesn't hold good for reheating Students complain color and macaroni falls apart with reheating

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Kids don't like color and texture throw away.
Other hardship (please list):	

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/19/18  
Date

*Sandy Wagner*  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-23-18  
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Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	<i>Sandwich Bread is course and dry Does NOT complement any Sandwiches Brown color.</i>

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<i>Student will NOT eat they take the meat off sandwiches throw Bread away.</i>
Other hardship (please list):	

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Penny Holt, as the duly authorized representative of Christian County Public Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	x
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	x
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

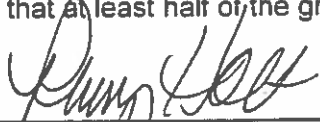
Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
Other hardship (please list): Pasta: Various pasta have be tried and our participation on spaghetti has declined by about 1 to 2 % on spaghetti and other pasta serving days.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

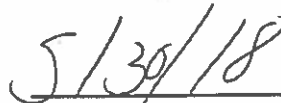
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
X	Pasta, Spaghetti	GFS	9390110837
x	Pasta, Linguini	GFS	9390141338



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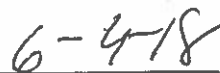
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program



Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator



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**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption**

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuit	Poor acceptance by students Dropped Participation	G.M.-W.G. Biscuit Peach Valley W.G.

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Sandra McInish  
Signature of Director of Schools

6-23-16  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-5-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Sandra McIntosh as the duly authorized representative of Christian County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	✓
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	✓
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
Other hardship (please list): The students do not like the whole grain cracker. Participation dropped.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
✓	Cracker	Kellogg's	113836

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Sandra McQuilley

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-7-17

Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-9-17

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Sandra McIntosh, as the duly authorized representative of Christian County School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

yes	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
yes	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Product using is not accepted by the students
yes	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Students complains about color, taste, texture and texture

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

yes	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Participation has fallen due to the Whole Grain Biscuit and Crackers
yes	Other hardship (please list):  Availability of accepted product being on bid and accepted by the students. Due to USDA mandates some manufacturers are still finding it difficult to produce a good quality product.	Students have accepted the Whole Grain breadings and whole grain sandwich grains and most other products

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit E-Z Split 3" Pre-Baked	Con Agra/ Bakery Chef	CRS # 10077
Cracker	Sunshine Harvest Mill Wheat	Kellogg's	CRS # 114378



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Sandra McIntosh

Signature of Director of Schools

5-7-15

Date

Faith Beaumont

Approved Program Manager

5-7-15

Date

Sue Bartenfield

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Becky Lowry, as the duly authorized representative of Clark County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Peach Valley Whole Grain Biscuit

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Pillsbury Southern Style Biscuit Dough	Pillsbury	94562-06252

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**Becky Lowry**

Director of Schools

**12-19-16**

Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**12-19-16**

Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Melinda Nicholson, as the duly authorized representative of Clay County Public Schools District (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit  Whole Grain Pasta
<p><b>Other hardship (please list):</b></p> <p>Biscuit - We have served the whole grain biscuit the last two years thinking the students would get used to the look and taste. It's been two years and they still won't eat the biscuits. Kitchen staff say the sausage biscuit used to be one of the students' favorite breakfast items but they haven't ate the biscuits well since we changed to whole grain. See attached pictures.</p> <p>Pasta – I've received a lot of feedback from the kitchen managers that the students will not take the WG pasta. The food service director and food service secretary visited an elementary school when pasta was being served and encouraged the students to try the WG pasta. The response from several kids was "I don't like the brown noodles". Several of the students would only take the spaghetti sauce. Before the WG requirement, students really liked the spaghetti. We would like to go back to regular pasta for the kids.</p> <p>Several parents have complained regarding all the whole grain products being served in the school breakfast and lunch program.</p>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Whole Grain Easy Split Biscuit	Pillsbury	132268000
WG Pasta	Whole Grain Rotini	Barilla	1000-011-149

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Melinda Nicholson  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/3/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-9-18  
Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

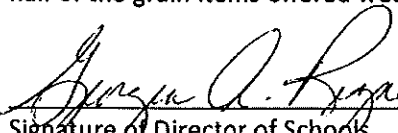
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuit	Every Voice Group of Survey Students Complain about WG Bread, Buns, etc. But Biscuits are the worse.	TRIED Pillsbury, General Mills + Rich's.
Crackers	WG Crackers are "powdery" and have "no taste" - according to our voice group.	TRIED Kellogg's Mini WG Crackers Westminster Whole Wheat Crackers.

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Signature of Director of Schools

6/6/2016  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-6-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Paulette Brinley, as the duly authorized representative of Clinton County Food Service [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Pizza
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

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**Hardship(s):**

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<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

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<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-13-18  
Date

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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

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Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Georgia A. Rigney, F.S.D., as the duly authorized representative of Clinton County Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuits  In 2011 we were using regular biscuits at breakfast. The attached edit sheets show a combined 3% drop in participation comparing 2011 to 2014. The High School is a significant drop of 18% and this was with us pushing Breakfast for the Month of September this year.
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit  The WG biscuits have a bad texture as soon as they come out of the oven. Once they have set in the warmer they are hard.

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

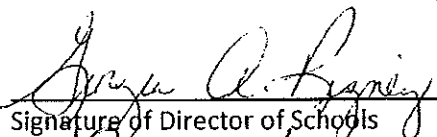
X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit  This is one of the biggest complaints of our student voice groups. We offer biscuits as a breakfast sandwich or biscuit and gravy 2 times each week. They take the biscuit, throw it in the trash and eat the meat item or eat the gravy by itself.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	



List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WGrain Crackers	Kellogg Cracker Saltine Mini WGrain 300-.39z	Kellogg	3010010088
Whole Wheat Crackers	Westminster Whole Wheat Cracker 300-2ct	Dot Foods Dry	30017

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Signature of Director of Schools

  
Approved Program Manager

6/19/15  
Date

6/25/15  
Date

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Yes Hardship(s):

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	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The whole grain crackers that are available do not have an acceptable taste or texture for the students. We have tried the Zesta minis and the Westminster Whole Grain Crackers. Our salad consumptions have dropped because the students don't like the crackers or the croutons. We tried offering the Tostito Scoops with them but they don't like the Scoops with the salad. The attached production records indicates the drop in salad consumptions. We do not have salad bars in any of our schools but offer a boxed salad as an alternate.

Yes Hardship(s):

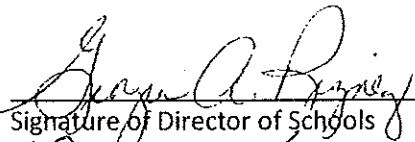

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X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Our student voice groups have complained about the crackers all year.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Pillsbury WG Biscuit 1.25 oz	General Mills	132269000
WG EZ Split	EZ Split WG Biscuit 2.51 oz	General Mills	132268000
WG Biscuit	Richs WG Biscuit 2.1 oz	Richs	9315

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 Signature of Director of Schools  
  
 Approved Program Manager

6/19/15  
 Date  
 6/25/15  
 Date

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School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

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Yes Hardship(s):

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✓	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Southern has limited WG breaded poultry products.
✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Chicken nuggets and chicken tenders breaded w/ whole grain - grain in color on inside. Tastes like saw-dust comment from staff + students.

Yes Hardship(s):

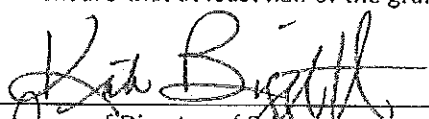
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	Other hardship (please list):	Students take meals but plate waste of WG Chicken product is high.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code (GTIN #)
Chicken tender/nugget	whole grain breaded chicken strip/tender	Brakebush	10038034584309
Chicken tender/nugget	whole grain breaded chicken strip	Tyson	00023700033857
Chicken chunk	ring	Tyson	00023700033970


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Signature of Director of Schools

3/30/15  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

3/30/15  
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4/28/15

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Tim Parson, as the duly authorized representative of Cumberland County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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\*Reference: SP 33-2016



List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
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List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	whole grain biscuit
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
biscuit	whole grain biscuit	Bakery Chef	126962
biscuit	whole grain biscuit	Pillsbury	521782
biscuit	whole grain biscuit	Pillsbury	515110

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Kirk Biggerstaff

Director of Schools

3/16/2017

Date

Tim Parson

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Lisa Sims, as the duly authorized representative of DCPS [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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Hardship(s): Drop in Participation  
Student Complaints  
Cost Increase

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Biscuits, Crackers, rice, Noodles
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	"
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuits Noodles

Hardship(s): Same

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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits Rice Noodles
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	White Biscuits		
	White Rice		
	Regular Pasta		

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program Date 8/24/18

8/24/18  
Date

8-27-18  
Date

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School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

I, Lisa Sims, as the duly authorized representative of Daviess Co. Schools (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	w/g Biscuit (see attached) financial hardship
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	} rice-flavor not available + holding time not acceptable
Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):

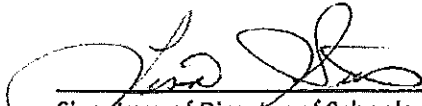
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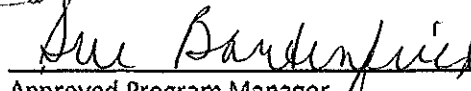
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	White Crackers - any brand		
"	Biscuit - most any brand		

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Schools

5/8/15  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

5/12/15  
Date

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# Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
	Same as last yr documentation	attached
Saltine Crackers to stay but we did find a salad cracker in whole grain that we put on bid this yr.		✓

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Signature of Director of Schools

6/30/16  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-6-16  
Date

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Yes Hardship(s):

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	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

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"	Biscuit - most any brand		



DIVISION OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION  
BREAKFAST PRODUCTION RECORD

Date: 10/24/2013  
Name of School: DCMS  
Age/Grade Group: 6-8  
Other Versus Serve: ☒  
Reimbursable Meals Served: 358  
Non-reimbursable Meals Served: 2  
Menu: Biscuits, Sausage, milk, Juice & Fruit

Food Components	Menu Items	Actual Portion Size	Reimbursable portion size	Recipe Number	Planned Number of Portions	Prepared Number of Portions	Number of portions sold as a la carte	Waiver
Milk								
Fruits	JUICE	4oz						
	Apples	1/2c			280	280		94
	ORANGES	1/2c			20	20		6-7
	Bananas	1/2c			4	4		1
					10	10		32
Vegetables								
Whole Grains & Grains	Nutri Grain	1.55oz			59	16		
	Bagels	95g				1695		7
	AUTR GRAIN	1.55oz			14	14		1
	DONUTS	2.81oz						
	TOAST	23.5g						
	POP TARTS	3.52oz			5	5		3
Extra Foods	CEREAL	1oz						
	Oatmeal Bars	1.24oz			72	72		51
	Biscuits	2.2oz			54	15		6
	Sausage	2oz			360	360		45
Other Foods	Sausage	2oz			148	148		35
	Cream cheese	✓			12	12		0
	Apple	✓						

Extra Foods - Meats not counted as a grain  
Leftovers - Recorded in proper food component category



# BREAKFAST PRODUCTION RECORD

Date:	1/16/2015	Menu: Bacon sausage milk Fruit Juice
Name of School:	DCMS	
Age/Group Used:		
Offer Versus Serve:	YES	
Reimbursable Meals Served:	239	
Non-reimbursable Meals Served:	1	

[illegible]





2010-2011	AHS*	BEACON	DCHS	BMS*	CVMS*	DOMS*	AUDUBON*	BES*	CH	DEERPARK*	EASTVIEW*	HIGH	M.LANDS*	SOR*	SOES*	TAM*	WLV*	WHI*	TOTAL
Rate of Participation	77%		60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	77%	77%	77%	60%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	80%	77%	
Total Served Lunch	15332	0	15769	11069	11175	11214	6440	6264	4559	6338	6408	7461	5641	7047	4685	6567	3607	4676	133982
Total Served Breakfast	5124	0	5108	3642	3688	4597	3179	4156	2886	2930	3842	3039	3595	2686	2228	2024	2024	2363	57649
Rate of Participation	26%		21%	31%	32%	30%	26%	27%	27%	30%	30%	27%	30%	30%	30%	30%	47%	40%	
2011-2012																			
Rate of Participation	70%		60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	70%	70%	70%	60%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	80%	77%	
Total Served Lunch	16761	0	17064	11570	11853	12101	6870	6596	4900	7184	6577	7045	7364	6885	5459	6360	4970	4899	144212
Total Served Breakfast	5469	0	5305	4137	4513	4515	2980	4439	2844	3028	3890	2906	4352	2611	2604	2182	2077	2328	60078
Rate of Participation	26%		21%	32%	34%	34%	27%	29%	27%	30%	30%	27%	30%	31%	30%	30%	41%	33%	
2012-2013																			
Rate of Participation	60%	34%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	70%	70%	70%	60%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	80%	77%	
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10-11 and 11-12																			
These numbers included in CVMS numbers																			

AHS added  
second chance  
breakfast

— biggest change to effect  
breakfast 2014-2015 was the whole  
Grain Biscuit!

≡ Biggest Changes to effect  
Lunch 2014-2015 was WG Rice + W/G  
Biscuit (Brunch for Lunch)  
menu



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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, LaDonna Bennett, as the duly authorized representative of Dawson Springs Independent School, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	There is not always a product in WG form. Such as most pasta.
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG products stick together. They are mushy. Color turn students off.

Hardship(s):


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students will not accept the WG biscuit, WG Crackers, WG Pasta. They would rather choose Pizza Line.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  Vendors have not created a biscuit that doesn't taste sweet. Crackers do not hold their quality. Pasta when cooking becomes clumped. Cooks have tried several ways to prepare without any accepts from customers (students).	To increase participation I switched to regular pasta. Adding a WG roll to make up for the WG requirement when possible. The white biscuit is accepted and I offer White crackers.. L It has helped my participation

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit Dough 2.2 oz Pillsbury meets 1.5 grain	Pillsbury/General Mills	94562-06252
Crackers	Crackers White	Kellogg's/Keebler Sunshine	01446 / 113836

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-15-18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-18-18  
Date

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Pasta – Lasagna	Noodles Ribbed Lasagna 5288	A Zerega	130458
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Pasta – Elbow Mac	Elbow Macaroni	Patria	130642
Pasta – Spaghetti	Spaghetti Noodles	Patria	130640

**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

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\*Reference: SP 33-2016

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Yes Hardship(s):

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**LaDonna Bennett**

Director of Schools

**12/05/16**

Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**12-6-16**

Date

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I, Jackie Kaiser, as the duly authorized representative of Dio. of Covington (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

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✓	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Brown Rice
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✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Brown Rice

Yes Hardship(s):

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✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list): Our participation has decreased by 9%. See attached letters from students	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	Brown Rice	Ellenbaugh	52551
	Brown Rice	Syso	2451243



Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

✓	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	W.G. Pasta
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✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	W.G. Pasta

Yes Hardship(s):

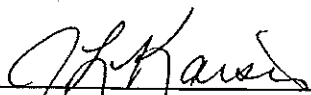
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✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list): The Diocese of Covington has had a 9% drop in our participation.	

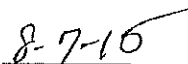
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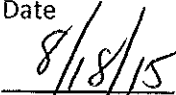
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	Barilla Elbow	W.G. Elbow	2314343
	Barilla 10" Spag.	W.G. Spagh.	2211292

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Schools

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

  
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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Amy Bullock, SFS Director, as the duly authorized representative of Edmonson Co. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain biscuits do not hold up well when cooked and held. Students dislike them. X

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Please see copies of letters from students at our 5th-6th Center. X
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
2 oz. biscuit	Frozen, dough	Pillsbury	94562-32268
2 oz. biscuit	Frozen, precooked	Bakery Chef	68615121031

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A. M. Bullock  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

10/12/17  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-16-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Barbara Moore, as the duly authorized representative of Elliott county Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Saltine Crackers & Pasta Noodles (spaghetti, lasagna, rotini, macaroni, etc.)

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Saltine Crackers & Pasta Noodles (spaghetti, lasagna, rotini, macaroni, etc.)
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Barbara Moore  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

June 28 2018  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-28-18  
Date

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List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Crackers	Mini Saltine cracker	Kellogg's	522150
Pasta	Spaghetti Noddles	GFS	654590



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### Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuits	Poor Student Acceptability	Hamburger & Hotdog Buns

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Charice Wagner

Signature of Director of Schools

08-10-16

Date

Sandra Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-10-16

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, **Janice Wagoner**, as the duly authorized representative of **Elliott County Board of Education**, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Biscuits
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Katrice Wagoner, Director  
Signature of Director of Schools

04/24/2015

Date

Sue Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

5/5/2015

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Jeanette Gilliron, as the duly authorized representative of Eminence Ind [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuit
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Whole grain	Pillsbury	94562-31524

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/2/18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-2-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Tranetta Gilkison, as the duly authorized representative of Eminence Ind [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

*We removed pasta & rice from the menu due to unacceptable taste, texture & look.*

* Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Pasta/Rice
Other hardship (please list): <i>We would like to be able to put pasta &amp; rice back on menu. But will not if forced to use whole grain.</i>	plate waste is very high.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Jeanette Gillison  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/2/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-2-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Mike Sallee, as the duly authorized representative of Etown Ind. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	WG noodles and biscuits are more expensive.
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	WG noodles and Biscuits and Tortilla shells are hard to procure. Not enough choices.
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Please see attached from my managers

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Please see attached from my managers.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Very limited.			

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**Mike Sallee**

Digitally signed by Mike Sallee  
Date: 2017.09.11 12:58:40 -04'00'

**9/11/17**

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**9-13-17**

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Cindy Whitt, as the duly authorized representative of Fairview Independent [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Zesta Mini WG saltine Crackers #522150 29.95
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	The kids throw them on the share table or garbage
Other hardship (please list):	It takes two packs of Zesta Mini WG crackers that cost .20 per serving (22g) compared to what we would like to serve, which would be Keebler Saltine @ .10 per serving (24g)

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Preferred: Saltine	4ct saltine crackers 16.31	Keebler	#270644
Whole grain	WG Mini Crackers 29.95	Zesta	#522150



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Barilla WG Pasta 20# 27.81 Compared to plain pasta 25# 15.70
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	The whole grain pasta is so expensive compared to the plain pasta
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The whole grain pasta does not hold good, it gets mushy, sticky and does not taste good

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Our macaroni & cheese participation has dropped almost 50% from where it was
Other hardship (please list):	We have done just about everything to get our kids to eat the macaroni & cheese, they use to eat it, now it's one of our lowest taken food items

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Preferred:	Pasta 20# \$15.70	Kitchen Essentials	#654550
Whole Grain	WG Pasta 20# \$27.01	Barilla	#541372
51% Whole Grain	51% WG Pasta 20# \$15.84	Dakota Growers	#229941

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Cindy W. Pitt  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-16-17  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-16-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Cindy Whitt, as the duly authorized representative of Farmview [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	The whole grain biscuit is 10¢ higher than a regular biscuit
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	All whole products was higher than normal
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The whole grain biscuits sometimes do not enlarge as they bake. The kids think they are burned because they are already dark.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Our biscuits sales are down. The kids do not like the way they taste or look.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	Pillsbury Whole Grain Biscuits	Pillsbury	431902
	Easy Split Whole Grain	Baker's Chef	108902
	Biscuits Whole Grain	Pillsbury	265210

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation): All Pasta Spaghetti & Elbow

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	whole grain spaghetti / elbow compared to 25.18 27.01 5170 pasta 19.16 15.84 GFS
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	our pasta's no longer have a good texture, and does not hold.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Our kids do not like the whole grain pasta. They started asking just for the meat sauce without pasta.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
654590	Pasta Spag 2-5#	GFS	65459
229931	Pasta Rotini 2-10#		6738792021

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Cindy Ditt  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-24-17  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCR/MC Program Coordinator

7-26-17  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Jan Anderson, as the duly authorized representative of Fleming County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students are not accepting the Whole Grain Cinnamon Rolls well at all
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	No other grain items have been used yet – I will use a non WGR if waiver is approved		
101303	Cinnamon Rolls	Pillsbury	94562-05357



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Jean Anderson  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

10/22/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-22-18  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Jan Anderson, as the duly authorized representative of Fleming County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s): Whole Grain Rice**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Rice does not hold well.  There is not another whole grain product like Amoy rice, which is precooked in a bag.

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternate native product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Rice	Vegetable Fried Rice	Amoy	61120 – GFS#198414

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Jen Anderson  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/9/2018  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-12-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Jaw Anderson, as the duly authorized representative of Fleming Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Spaghetti, Penne Pasta, Elbow Macaroni
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Penne Pasta	Fully Cooked Pasta	Primo Gusto	# 835900
Elbow Macaroni	Dakota-51% <sup>whole</sup> Grain Elbow Macaroni	DAKOTA Growers	# 229941

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*Jan Anderson*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/14/17  
Date

*Sandy Wagner*  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-19-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, JAN Anderson, as the duly authorized representative of Fleming Co. Schools (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Peach Valley Whole Grain Biscuits

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pillsbury WG Biscuits	Still not accepted by students WG Biscuits	General Mills	269210

## Sloas, Paige

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** Sloas, Paige  
**Subject:** Whole Wheat

To Whom it May Concern,

The whole wheat products at Fleming County High School are not very good, and as a result, not consumed. From the biscuits to the rolls, all whole wheat products have gained a negative reputation and our cafeteria has as well. If this pattern persists, our school and its students will suffer.

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

10/20/16

Many concerns have arose pertaining our school's food. One major concern is surrounding the wheat products we eat. The rolls, biscuits, bread sticks, toast, spaghetti, pancakes, and cheese sticks truly suck. They are tasteless and remind me of sandpaper. Many students don't eat these products and end up throwing them away which is a waste of food and more importantly, money. Let's fix this problem by giving us real bread that have a type of flavor!!

This "wheat problem" not only gives the food here a bad reputation, but the cafeteria as well. This isn't fair for our hard working cooks because they simply make what is provided. If the problem isn't fixed, we could face serious repercussions. One in which is the fall of students eating the food here and once again a loss of food and money.

Let's work together to get real bread back and make everyone happy!!

Sincerely,

Student Council Member, [REDACTED]

## Sloas, Paige

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:09 PM  
**To:** Sloas, Paige  
**Subject:** Student Lunch Complaints

To who it may concern, it has been brought to the Fleming County Student Councils attention that students do not favor the new wheat buns/ biscuits and the spaghetti. Seeing that Fleming County students are considered our customers I believe we should listen to their complaints. Lets make a change. Thank you for your time.

## Sloas, Paige

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:14 PM  
**To:** Sloas, Paige

To whom it may concern,

I believe the wheat products at the school are not very good. I believe that if it is changed more students would eat school lunch.

To whom it may concern,

As a child growing up at Fleming County, I always looked forward to lunch. It was a chance to see my friends and eat some really great food. My favorite meal in elementary school was the chicken and biscuits. But it seems like ever since high school lunches aren't the same.

The foods we have now have changed dramatically since I was in elementary school. The biscuits I used to love eating are now wheat rolls, the chicken appears to take on the properties of fish. The chicken and biscuit aren't the only foods that have changed over the years, spaghetti, for an example, is now watered down, in an attempt to make the food stretch for a larger group of kids. Another issue is we have way to much breads, with every meal theres a bread, but bread isn't good for you. I for example have polycystic ovarian syndrome, which means bread can physically hurt me. I believe there should be more options on fruits and veggies.

I hope that my willingness to get involved will help improve our school lunches in the future. I also hope to take what I have to say in consideration.

10/20/16

To Whom it may concern,

I can remember back in elementary school when we had the white, fluffy rolls with a lot of meat. Everyone looked forward to those, but now we have tasteless, wheat rolls that no one likes, going to waste. I know that the student body would be very pleased if we were to bring back the good rolls. Another item that I would like to see changed is the wheat pop tarts, more students would want to eat breakfast if we offered regular pop tarts that taste good.

Sincerely,  
SC Member,



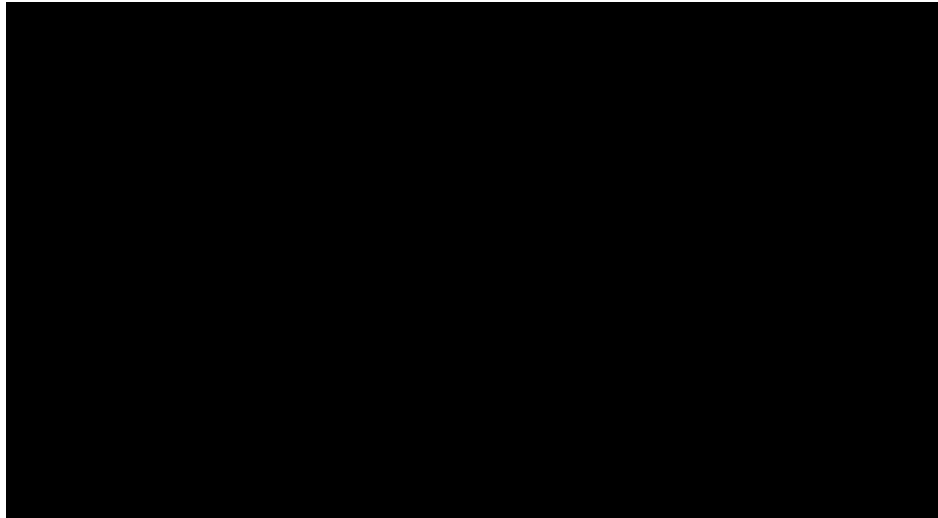
To whom it may concern,

Much of the cafeteria's menu has improved in quality compared to last year. However, several items remain on the menu that are glaring blemishes on an otherwise good menu. These items are the wheat rolls, the wheat pancakes, and the spaghetti. These are by far the most disgusting items sold.

The rolls are, in a nutshell, gritty, unappetizing abominations of what can barely be called bread. They taste like sand and disappointment. Even with butter smeared all over them, the taste still can't be masked over. They need to be removed from the menu and replaced with another item, preferably a regular variation of roll not made of wheat. The pancakes are much in the same vein as the rolls. They're tasteless and have to be drenched in syrup to make them bearable. The spaghetti is a different beast entirely. The noodles are mushy and have a freaky similarity to the stereotypical terrible school lunch seen in much of pop culture.

I'm not trying to come off as offensive to anyone. I know our cafeteria staff have to follow guidelines for what they feed us. It's not their fault and I know that they would serve us great food if no restrictions were in place. I just wanted to drive the point home of how in need some menu items are of a reform.

Sincerely,





To whom it may concern,

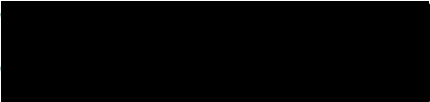
I would like to say that I do like a fair amount of the school food here at FCHS. But there are a whole lot more food that I don't like than I do. For example, I do not like the spaghetti or green beans or everything that is wheat. I was thinking about substitutions. For these foods such as ribs, macaroni and cheese and non-wheat breads, rolls, pancakes etc. things that I really enjoy are the fried chicken, the spicy chicken and the Asian chicken. Please keep those three things but I would like it if we could substitute some other things for the other items that I listed.

Thanks



To whom it may concern

The wheat bread and pasta that we have now at lunch and breakfast isn't as good as it was in elementary school. We would always have fluffy, delicious rolls with every meal. I would eat more school food if it was white bread.



[REDACTED]  
FCHS Student Council

Oct 20, 2016.


To Whom It may Concern:

I would like to express my oppinion of the wheat rolls being Severed in the highschool Cafeteria. Many Students, such as, myself have Ceased their time in the lunch room because they are not in favor of that tast. We as a student body would prefer to try a different brand.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

The school lunch has become better then it was. But there is still some things we could improve. Such as the wheat rolls and wheat pancakes. The wheat just gives the rolls and pancakes a real bitter and dry taste. I tried the pancakes and I had to COVER it with syrup. Then I just don't like the wheat rolls, they are just to dry to eat. So I say we can still improve our food and still make it healthy.



**Sloas, Paige**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:21 PM  
**To:** Sloas, Paige  
**Subject:** Lunch Letter

To Whom it May Concern;

When asking students what the largest problem in their school is, they will often answer food. The food is a huge issue with students. In fact, they often do not eat due to a lack of food they like. Without proper nutrition, it is impossible for student achievement to take place. One large issue is the wheat bread. Wheat is disgusting. Most students hate it. Please help rid our school of this monstrosity.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
Student Council President

## Sloas, Paige

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:11 PM  
**To:** Sloas, Paige  
**Subject:** I wish to address a concern:

To whom it may concern,

I'm confident that any cafeteria staff member is well informed about the student's opinion about the food served. Personally, I find my options for food served to me limited as I don't favor what I'm served, especially the wheat rolls. The lack the taste and home cooked joy that makes bread a lunch staple is gone. Spaghetti is rather disappointing as well, as it just presents itself as the classic definition of mush. I hope that I don't come off as offensive towards anyone but I speak from past experience.

Preferably, an alternative would be appreciated in the student body such as something that gives us motivation on a plate. Motivation that reminds us that bread is a fun finger food once more. In contrast to this, the Spaghetti has always been distasteful to me, landing on my plate as a ball of wet yarn. It's always clumped together and it's not as luscious as Spaghetti should be. Spaghetti should be able to become threaded by the fork and slurped with a smile...and i'm sorry,I haven't been smiling. My hopes have been and still are invested into a beneficial and enjoyable lunch.

With kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

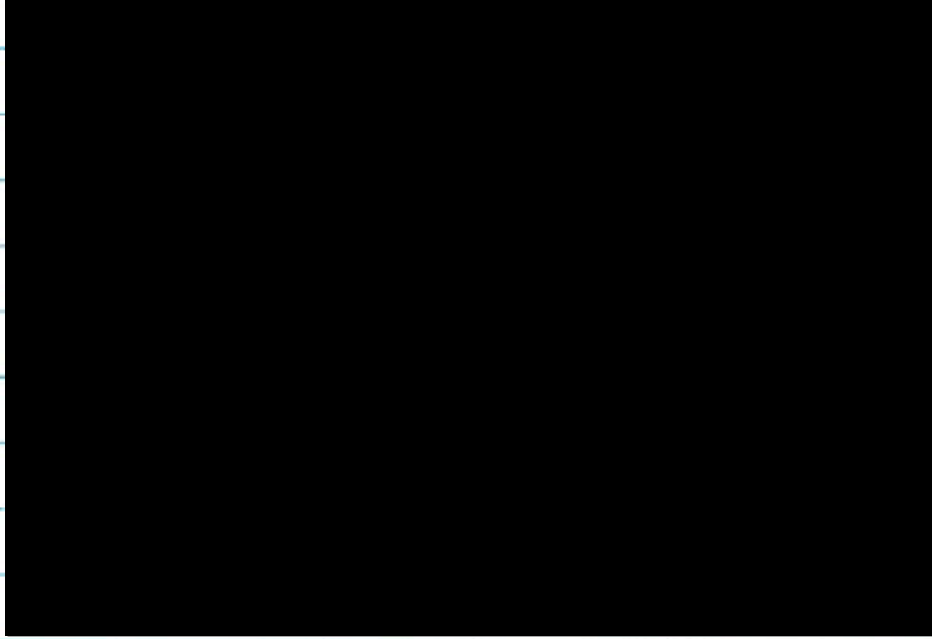
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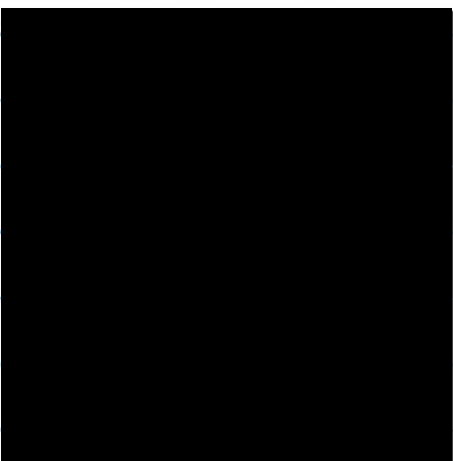
I DO NOT Like wheat Biscuits





I don't like Wheat  
Biscuits.

you.



I don't like wheat biscuits.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

I do not like wheat Biscuits.

I do not like wheat Biscuits



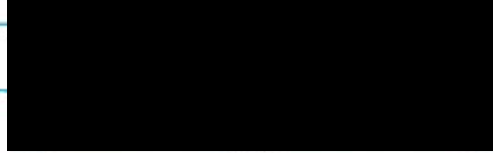
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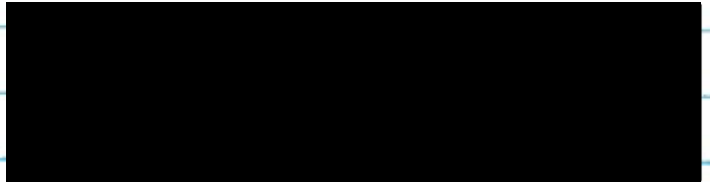


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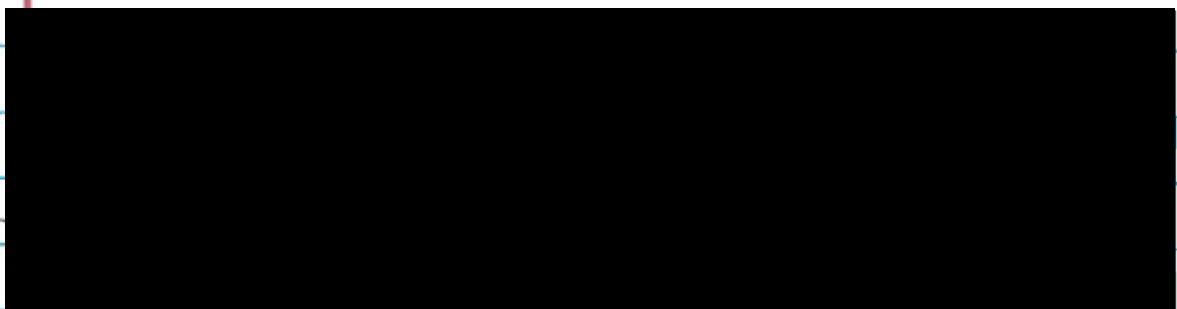




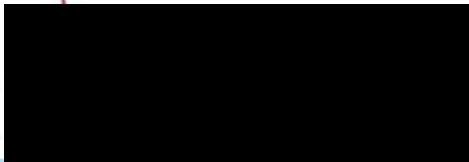
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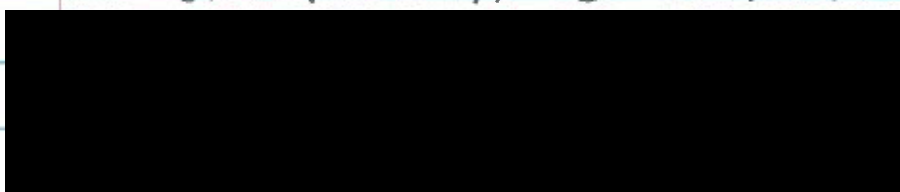


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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Dale Pack, as the duly authorized representative of Floyd County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Hamburger buns, [redacted] buns, sub buns, [redacted] dinner rolls, bread, and biscuits.
Other hardship (please list):	Students are taking the products but they are not eating them. They discard the grain product after they remove the protein/meat.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Buns	Hamburger, [redacted] and submarine buns	Benito Bakery, QFS, Ultragrain (Flowers)	#3447 R&L #4256 R&L #4258 R&L QFS#617630, QFS#675151, B&B 6" hoega
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sandwich Bread / Biscuits	Sandwich Bread / Biscuits	Sara Lee, QFS / Pittsburgh, Peach Valley, Ricta	#2773, #231053, #269210, #565711, #237390

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Dale Pack

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-10-17

Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-9-17

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Christy Pritchett, as the duly authorized representative of FIS [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Pasta Products and Biscuit

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Pasta Products and Biscuit
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

C. Priddy

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/18/18

Date

Sandra Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-31-18

Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Wendy Greenwald, as the duly authorized representative of Franklin County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	✓ Pictures attached Students do not accept the whole grain biscuits.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-16-2018  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-16-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Wendy Greenwell, as the duly authorized representative of Franklin County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit (Peach Valley)

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit (Peach Valley)
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Biscuit Dough, Frozen, WG	Peach Valley Bakery	LLC PVB 1600NL/216
WG Biscuit	Biscuit, Dough, Split WG	Pillsbury	32268



My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

**Wendy Greenwell**

Director of Schools

**12/7/2016**

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**12-7-16**  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Gabriele Weatherford, as the duly authorized representative of FT. Knox Com. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Hardship(s):

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Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):


Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not like or accept the change to the WG Biscuit
Other hardship (please list): When doing Meetings with Students their main complaint was the Biscuits @ Breakfast. Before the change, they enjoyed eating them. Students did not eat the WG, participation went down	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

would like to change to

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
94562-31151	Biscuit Southern	Gen. Mills	94562-31151

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

July 20-2018  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-23-18  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: *Fulton County Schools*

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: *Lasagna Noodles*

Brand Name of product used: ~~25100~~  
*Windsor Foods*

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: *USDA Lasagna*

Other products tested: *N/A*

Issues with products used and tested: *N/A*  
*No whole grain*

Internal Use Only

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Date Submitted: *7-29-14*

Date Approved: *7-29-14*

Approving Signature: *[Signature]*

*No product available*



## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Ashley Teasley, as the duly authorized representative of Fulton Independent Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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**Hardship(s):**

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<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit, Brown Whole Grain Rice
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  <u>New Director also wanting to increase participation</u>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Rice	Gordon Choice Parboiled Long Grain Rice, 25 Lb Box, 1/Case	GFS	722987
Fiesta Rice	Uncle Ben's Mexican Fiesta Rice, 25.9 Oz Box, 6/Case	Uncle Ben's	473006
Biscuit	Pillsbury™ Frozen Biscuit Dough Easy Split™ Southern Style 2.51oz	General Mills	1072- GFS does not have in system yet

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Adrienne Teasley  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

07/03/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-12-18  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

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**Hardship(s):**

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Tornado- Whole Grain not available on GFS
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Bacon Tornado	<u>Tornados, Breakfast, Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese, Frozen</u>	Ruiz	149311
Sausage Tornado	<u>TORNADO BKFST SAUS/ EGG/ CHS 3Z 8-3CT</u>	Ruiz	740072

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Ashley Teasley  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/30/18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCNMC Program Coordinator

7-31-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Martha Sebring, as the duly authorized representative of Gallatin County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuit

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	I have attached a usage report for the drop in usage of the biscuit products
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Peach Valley Bakery	PVB1600nl/216
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Pillsbury/General Mills	32268 & 32269

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Martha Selvens  
Director of Schools

11/15/2016  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-16-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Martha Sebring, as the duly authorized representative of Gallatin County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The Interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	WG Pasta
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Pasta

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	After implementing the WG pasta student participation dropped on the days that we served macaroni & cheese and spaghetti. I finally ended up having to take both items off the menu. The WG pasta does not hold well and it does not look good. Students would not eat it and it ended up in the trash.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pasta	Macaroni	Barilla	10000013342
Pasta	Spaghetti	Barilla	10000013340



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Martha M. Selving, SALS  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/30/2018  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-30-18  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Diana Hart, as the duly authorized representative of Gerrard [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain pasta's Whole grain Hamburger Bun Whole grain Hotdog Bun
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
511810	Hamburger Bun w/g	GFS / Millas	
676151	" " "	GFS	
564 053	Hotdog Bun	Millas	
229 941	Marcan. Elbow	Dakota Growers / GFS	
221 460	Spaghetti	Dakota Growers / GFS	

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

X 8/28/18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-29-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Deonda Larr, as the duly authorized representative of Garrard County School [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

*Sandra.wagner@education.ky.gov*

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Whole grain	Whole grain Biscuits	Peach Valley	565711
Whole grain	Whole grain Biscuits	Rich's	237390
Whole grain	Whole grain Biscuits	Pillsbury	269210

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Dorinda Sears

Director of Schools

2-16-17

Date

[Signature]

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

3-2-17

Date

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### Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Teresa Nolan, FSD, as the duly authorized representative of Gateway Childrens Services, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

#### Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Biscuits , Pancakes & French Toast Sticks
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s) to

Hardship(s): be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	yes
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	Whole Grain options are not available from our supplier, SAL..

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Pasta, All types, Toaster Pastries
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s) to

Hardship(s): be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	This is a Residential Facility, our kids have many food issues, such as sensory, addiction recovery, etc. They will not eat whole wheat pasta because of the texture unless it is mixed in with other pastas...
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	We have one grocery source, a local store, Save a Lot..

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized.

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuits	Grands Buttermilk Biscuits	Pillsbury	1800085516
Pancakes	Buttermilk Pancakes	Morning Delight	05193301640
French Toast Sticks	Frozen French toast sticks	Americas Choice	5193301620

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Teressa Nolan, FSD  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

09/05/2018  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-11-18  
Date

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### Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk For School Year 2017-18

I, Teresa Nolan, FSD, as the duly authorized representative of Gateway Childrens Services, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

		Documentation Submitted (invoices, waste study, production records, etc.)
Yes	Hardship(s):	
	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	
	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	X
	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	X
	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	



My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Teressa L. Nolan, FSD

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

09/05/17

Date

Joseph R. Roney - CEO

Approved Program Manager

09/05/17

Date 9-11-17

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements**  
**School Year 2016-2017**

I, Teresa Nolan, as the duly authorized representative of Gateway Childrens Services [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Biscuits, Toaster pastries, French Toast Sticks, Cinnamon Rolls
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	We only have one local grocery store option, Save A Lo, that isw willing to deliver, we have less than 30 students so delivery from GFS is not available.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	frozen buttermilk biscuit	premium pick 5	5193333968
fench toast sticks	frozen 110 gr sticks	Americas Choice	5193301620
cinnamon rolls	8 cinn. rolls w/icing	morning delight	5193301600

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Joe Gomes, CEO

4/3/2017

Director of Schools

Date

Teresa Nolan, FSD

4/3/2017

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Teresa Nola, as the duly authorized representative of Gateway Childrens Services [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Pasta, All Types, Toaster pastries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pasta	Spaghetti	Mantia's	5193310620
Pasta	Egg Noodles	Mantia's	5193310550
toaster Pastries	enriched wheat flour toaster pastries	Kiggins	5193332845

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Joe Gomes, CEO

Director of Schools

4/3/17

Date

Teresa Nolan, FSD

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

4/3/17

Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Stacy Jessie\_, as the duly authorized representative of \_Glasgow Independent Schools\_, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

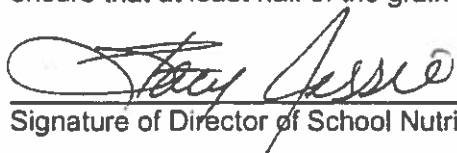
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students throughout the district continue to complain about the whole grain biscuits. Students are either not taking the breakfast biscuits OR are taking them and only eating the meat or egg and throwing away the biscuit.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

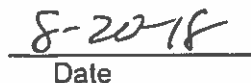
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	*over the past three years we have tried a variety of whole grain biscuits. None have been considered satisfactory to the students we serve.		

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Kathy Craven, as the duly authorized representative of Grant County Schools Food Service Department [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuits

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuits
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  Nutritionals in the whole grain product are higher in calories, saturated fat and carbs.	WG Biscuits

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Sliders	WG Slider buns	Klostermans	



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	WG Pasta
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Pasta

Hardship(s):

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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Pasta
Other hardship (please list):  Whole grain pasta has been nearly impossible to prepare in bulk and hold without sticking together and turning into mush. We are starting a pasta bar at the HS for the 2018-19 school year. Pasta on the line without sauce that is brown is very unappealing to students.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Kathy Crow  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/30/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-31-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Shelina McClain, as the duly authorized representative of Graves County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Giorgio discontinued to manufacturer the whole grain pizza the students at Graves County preferred. The results from a taste testing identified the replacement for Giorgio to be the non-whole grain Alpha pizza.
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Giorgio discontinued to manufacturer the whole grain pizza the students in Graves County preferred. After taste testing with students the non-whole grain Alpha pizza was selected by the student body.
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Crust	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza	Alpha Foods	SP162R & SP164R

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Shelvia McClan

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/5/18

Date

Sandra Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-5-18

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Shelina McClain, as the duly authorized representative of Graves County School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
X	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Regular Sized Cinnamon Roll
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Rice
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cinnamon Roll	Biscuit	Ralcorp	10153- Attached
Whole Grain Rice	Rice	Producers	134110- Attached

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Shelina McClain  
Signature of Director of Schools

6/8/15  
Date

Sue Weyatt  
Approved Program Manager

6-8-15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Shelina McClain, as the duly authorized representative of Graves County School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuit
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
X	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	WG Crackers Zesta Mini
X	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit WG Crackers Zesta Mini

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit	Ralcorp	10077- Attached
Crackers	Sunshine Harvest Wheat	General Mills	114378- Attached

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Shelina McClain  
Signature of Director of Schools

4/20/15  
Date

Cheri Wyatt  
Approved Program Manager

4-20-15  
Date

Sue Bartenfield

4/21/15

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# Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Fiesta Rice- Diamond Crystal #134048	Poor Student Acceptability	Rice Brown Whole Grain/Producers #134110
White Rice- Uncle Ben's #134108	Poor Student Acceptability	Rice Brown Whole Grain/Producers #134110
Biscuit- Peach Valley #10532	Poor Student Acceptability	Whole Grain Biscuit/Mary B's #10151
Crackers- Sunshine Harvest Wheat #114378	Poor Student Acceptability	No WG product on bid
Tornado- Ruiz #19620/#19610	Limited Product Availability	No WG product on bid

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Shelina McClain  
Director of Schools

8/15/16  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-16-16  
Date

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**KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015**

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name: Grayson County Board of Education**

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:**

- **Pasta, 10" Spaghetti for Spaghetti Recipe & Chili Recipe (A Zerega Brand)**

**Brand Name of product used:**

**A Zerega**

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:**

**Spaghetti, & Chili recipes**

**Other products tested:**

- **Barilla Whole Grain Spaghetti**
- **Barilla Whole Grain Elbow Macaroni**
- **We also sampled some Ultragrain products.**

**Issues with products used and tested:**

**Students complained of the appearance (brown). We thought if we "covered it up" with spaghetti sauce or put the pasta in chili, it would be less noticeable, but students complained. Students have accepted whole grain rich bread and whole grain breaded chicken strips pretty well; however, these**

whole grain products have a grittier texture. We need more time to sample products and conduct student taste testings to find student-accepted products for our kitchens.

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Date Submitted: 11-20-14

Date Approved: 11-20-14

Approving Signature: Londra Warner

Are making effort with ongoing trial of new products. Just asking for more time.

**KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015**

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name: Grayson County Board of Education**

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:**

**Pasta, Spirals, used in Macaroni & Cheese Recipe for middle & high schools (A Zerega Brand)**

**Brand Name of product used:**

**A Zerega Brands (noted above)**

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:**

**Macaroni & Cheese**

**Other products tested:**

- Barilla Whole Grain Rotini
- Barilla Whole Grain Elbow Macaroni
- We also sampled some Ultragrain products.

**Issues with products used and tested:**

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Date Submitted: 11-20-14

Date Approved: 11-20-14

Approving Signature: Sandra Wagner

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**KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015**

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name: Grayson County Board of Education**

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:**

- Pasta, Elbow Macaroni, used in Macaroni & Cheese Recipe for elementary schools (Patria brand)

**Brand Name of product used:**

Patria

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:**

Macaroni & Cheese

**Other products tested:**

- Barilla Whole Grain Rotini
- Barilla Whole Grain Elbow Macaroni
- We also sampled some Ultragrain products.

**Issues with products used and tested:**

Students complained of the appearance (brown). We thought if we “covered it up” with cheese for macaroni & cheese or put the pasta in chili, it would be less noticeable, but students complained. Students have accepted whole grain rich bread and whole grain breaded chicken strips pretty well; however, these whole grain products have a grittier texture. We need more time to sample products and conduct student taste testings to find student-accepted products for our kitchens.

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Date Submitted: 11-20-14

Date Approved: 11-21-14

Approving Signature: *Sandra Wagner*

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Scott P. Burchett as the duly authorized representative of Greenup Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11-24-17  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-27-17  
Date

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Hardship(s):

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	STUDENTS DO NOT LIKE THE WG BISCUITS AS SEEN IN PHOTOS. ALSO WG PASTA IS NOT ACCEPTED WELL.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG BISCUITS AND PASTA. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WAIVER FOR MEXICAN RICE.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	STUDENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WG PASTA AND BISCUITS

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
BISCUIT	SOUTHERN STYLE BISCUIT DOUGH	RICH'S	13370/GFS 133493
SPAGHETTI	SPAGHETTI	KITCHEN ESSENTIALS	GFS 654560
MEXICAN RICE	MEXICAN FIESTA RICE	UNCLE BEN'S	03309/GFS 473006





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Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk  
For School Year 2017-18

I, Nick Boling, as the duly authorized representative of Hancock Co Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Yes	Hardship(s):	Documentation Submitted (invoices, waste study, production records, etc.)
	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	
	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
✓	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	pictures - waste 100 + milk cartons left over at breakfast @ one school
	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	
	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9-26-17  
Date

  
Approved Program Manager

9-27-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Nick Baling, as the duly authorized representative of Hanceck Co. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record): *see attachments*

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<del>Biscuits</del> Biscuit-Crackers, Noodles Breadsticks
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:


*please see attachment*

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

12-4-17  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

12-4-17  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, JACK MINIARD, as the duly authorized representative of HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.): **WHOLE GRAIN CRACKERS**

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	VENDOR INFORMED US THE WG CRACKERS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	STUDENTS GIVE NEGATIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT THE TASTE, TEXTURE AND APPEARANCE OF THE WG CRACKER. CRACKERS ARE BEING WASTED AS STUDENTS THROW THEM AWAY IF THEY TAKE THEM.
Other hardship (please list):	

List  
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native product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG CRACKER	WG CRACKER	PFG	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Jack Minial  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-9-18  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-13-18  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name:**

Harlan County Public Schools

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:**

Elbow macaroni made with durum wheat

**Brand Name of product used:**

Barilla

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:**

Macaroni & Cheese

**Other products tested:**

Spaghetti, Rotini-plain, Rotini-Tri Color

**Issues with products used and tested:**

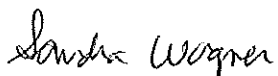
Macaroni & Cheese doesn't hold well; texture is chewy when cooked the correct amount of time. If cooked longer it becomes too soft and not appetizing. Color is not pleasant, flavor is stronger. Students think it is left over due to the color.

**Internal Use Only**

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Date Submitted: 7-8-2014

Date Approved: 7-8-2014

Approving Signature: 

Issues with consistency + texture of WG Mac + Cheese have been common.





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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Jack Miniard, as the duly authorized representative of Harlan Co Board of Education SFS, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	BISCUITS, TRI COLOR ROTINI, ELBOW MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, BREADING ON CHICKEN NUGGETS

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	BISCUITS, TRI COLOR ROTINI, ELBOW MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, BREADING ON CHICKEN NUGGETS
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG BISCUIT	FROZEN BISCUIT	GUENTHER	881539

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Jack Winard  
Signature of Director of Schools

4-23-15  
Date

Sue Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

4-28-15  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2016-2017

I, Jack Miniard, as the duly authorized representative of Harlan Co Bd of Ed SFS (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption  
School Year 2016-2017**

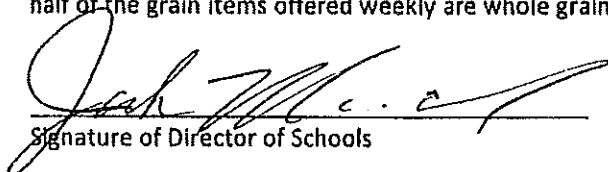
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuit	Poor Student Acceptability	Guenther
Elbow Macaroni	Poor Student Acceptability	Barilla
Spaghetti	Poor Student Acceptability	Barilla
Breading on Chicken Nuggets	Poor Student Acceptability	Brakebush, Tyson

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Signature of Director of Schools

June 6th, 2016  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-23-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018 - 2019**

I, Emily Clem, as the duly authorized representative of Harlan Independent [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

**Financial hardship:** The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.

Whole grain Crackers  
Whole grain biscuit

**Financial hardship:** The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).

**Limited product availability:** The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.

**Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:** The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.

Whole grain spaghetti pasta

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

**Poor student acceptability:** The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.

WG Crackers  
WG Biscuits  
WG Spaghetti pasta

**Other hardship (please list):**

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

NONE yet

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.



Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program



Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator



Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Chris Russell, as the duly authorized representative of Hart County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017.  
SP 33-2016

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

✓	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	WG Biscuits & Crackers
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuits & Crackers

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuits + Crackers
*	Students have not accepted the WG Biscuits or the WG Crackers. Meal counts on the days these items are offered have decreased. Specifically, on biscuit & gravy day, the participation has decreased significantly at the high school. Previously, the HS served this to approx. 130 students, but currently only 13 students select this item. Overall breakfast participation at the HS has decreased from 45% to 35%.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Gen. Mills	132268000
Crackers.	WG Saltine Cracker	Westminster	30017

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
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Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Crackers WG Biscuits
Other hardship (please list): <i>Renewal of exemption, approved 3/26/15 - See attached.</i>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Chris Russell  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/2/2017  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-24-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Chris Russell, as the duly authorized representative of Hart Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole-grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

✓	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	WG Biscuits & Crackers
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). @	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuits & Crackers

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuits & Crackers
*	Students have not accepted the WG Biscuits or the WG Crackers. Meal counts on the days these items are offered have decreased. Specifically, on biscuit & gravy day, the participation has decreased significantly at the high school. Previously, the HS served this to approx. 130 students, but currently only 13 students select this item. Overall breakfast participation at the HS has decreased from 45% to 35%	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Gen. Mills	132268000
Crackers.	WG Saltine Cracker	Westminster	30017

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Chris Russell

Signature of Director of Schools

3-19-15

Date

Sue Bartenfield

Approved Program Manager

3-26-15

Date

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### \*Notes\*

- Student acceptability of all other whole grain items has slowly increased as they are getting adjusted to these items.
- However, the WG biscuits & WG Saltine crackers are simply not palatable.
- The WG Biscuit & WG Saltine

## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

7-19-16

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
WG Crackers	Poor Student Acceptance	WG Crackers -Kellogg's Whole Wheat Crackers- Westminger

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Rachel Miller  
Signature of Director of Schools

Hazards Independent  
District

7/18/16  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-19-16  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Rachel Miller, as the duly authorized representative of Hazard Independent Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school years. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Dumplings and Hush Puppies
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	We've only purchases the pancake mix during play off season. The students have asked for regular pancakes this year. Attached are production records for last year.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pancake Mix	Pancake Multi Grain	Gordon Foods	143271

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Rachael Miller  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11-2-2018  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-6-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Rachel Miller, Food Service Director, as the duly authorized representative of Hazard Independent Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

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Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">         WG Chicken Tenders ✓          WG Chicken Sticks ✓          WG Chicken ✓          WG Nuggets ✓          WG Crackers ✓          Lasagna Noodles ✓       </div>
Other hardship (please list):	2016-2017 STUDENT SURVEYS REQUESTED CHANGING FROM SOME WG BREADS TO REGULAR BREADS. SEE ATTACHED SURVEYS

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
	See attached sheet OF LISTED ITEMS		

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Chicken Tenders	WG Chicken Tenders, cooked, frozen	Kings Delight	10072745662031
WG Chicken Sticks	WG Chicken Sticks, Breaded, cooked, frozen 0.43 oz.	Tyson	31400072953
WG Chicken Rings	WG Chicken Rings, Breaded, cooked, frozen .74 oz.	Tyson	070366-0928

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Chicken Nuggets	WG Chicken Nuggets, breast meat, WG, cooked, frozen 0.06 oz.	Kings Delight	10072745662048
<del>WG Biscuits</del>	<del>WG Biscuits, Baked, Frozen</del>	<del>Made in USA</del>	<del>31400072953</del>
WG Biscuit Dough	WG Biscuit Dough 2.51 oz.	Pillsbury	94562-32268

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Crackers	HAD AN EXPEMPTION IN 16-17 SY		

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Rachael Miller  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/5/2017  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-12-17  
Date

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School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Rachel Miller, as the duly authorized representative of Hazard Independent Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	X
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	X

Yes Hardship(s):

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Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Chix Chunks	WG Breaded Chix Chunks	Tyson	23700100832
Chix Nugget	WG Breaded Chix Nugget	Tyson	23700033765
Chix Tender	WG Chix Tender	Tyson	23700033857

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	WG EZ Split Dough Biscuit	General Mills	10094562322684
WG Biscuit	WG Dough Biscuit	Rich Products	49800093157
WG Crackers	WG Crackers	Kelloggs	30100100881

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Wheat Crackers	Whole Wheat Crackers	Westminger	93215710031
WG Lasagna	Pasta Lasagna WHL Wheat Ultra	Dakota Growers	49101000397
WG Penne	Pasta Penne Rigate 51% WG	Dakota Growers	10767387920105

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Rotini	Pasta Rotini 51% WG	Dakota Growers	10767387920211
WG Spaghetti	Pasta Spaghetti 51% WG	Dakota Growers	10767387913220
WG Macaroni	Pasta Elbow Macaroni 51% WG	Dakota Growers	10767387921096

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Chicken Pattie	Ap Chicken Patty, WG, FC	Tyson	23700033895
WG Chicken Rings	WG Chicken Rings Brd.	Tyson	23700033970

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Stephen Miller  
Signature of Director of Schools

5-11-2015  
Date

Stephen Miller  
Approved Program Manager

5-11-2015  
Date

Sue Bartenfield

5-13-15

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School Year 2017-18**

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:**

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SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

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**Hardship(s):**


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<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Nov 2, 2017  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-2-17  
Date

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**Hardship(s):**


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<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	2.2 oz Southern Style Easy Split	Pillsbury	31524

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Aug 8, 2017  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-8-17  
Date

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**Hardship(s):**


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

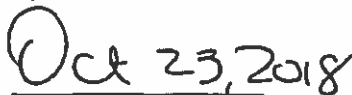
<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Rice The students are not accepting o the whole grain rice and prefer the white rice. They did not choose the Orange Chicken choice due to the dislike of the whole grain rice.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
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Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Cathy Skender, as the duly authorized representative of Megan Adams [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

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\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	tortillas, Biscuit, crackers, Noodle, pancake/waffle Breadstick
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

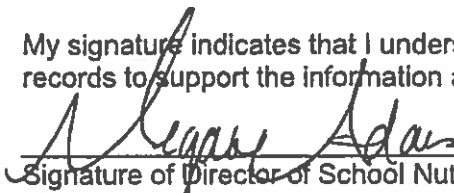
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	tortillas, crackers, Biscuit Noodle, pancakes/waffle Breadstick
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
10237 Breadstick	Breadstick garlic 8"	New York frozen	10237
pancake round	pancake round	Mrs. Butterworth	10844
Biscuit	Biscuit Baking Split 3"	Canada	10077

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/25/17  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-13-17  
Date

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Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

I, Lynsi Bamhill, as the duly authorized representative of Hickman Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole grain biscuit
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	WG Zesta Crackers
Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG biscuit WG Zesta Crackers WG tortilla

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG biscuit WG Zesta Crackers WG tortilla
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cracker	Sunshine Harvest wheat	General Mills	CRS OneSource #114378
Biscuit	Biscuit	Bakcorp/Con Agria	" " #10077
Tortilla	Tortilla	Mexican original	CRS #13907

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Lynne Bannhill

Signature of Director of Schools

7/23/15

Date

Carolyn Smith, SNB

Approved Program Manager

7/23/15

Date

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Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

I, Chris Peck, as the duly authorized representative of HHYS [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

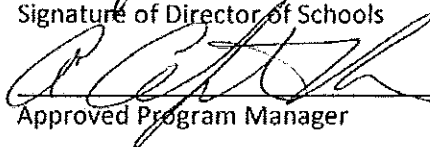
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuits	Pillsbury (Pill)	Pillsbury	94562-00252
Muffins	Corn muffin	Sif-FY	72486-00220

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Signature of Director of Schools

8/31/15  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Program Manager

8.21.15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Marci Cox, as the duly authorized representative of Hopkins County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Cracker
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Easy Split WG Biscuit	Ralcorp	21031
Zesta Cracker	Zesta Mini Saltine	Kelloggs/Keebler	113804



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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

2/21/18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

2-21-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Melissa Dooley, as the duly authorized representative of Jackson County Public Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> We would like to offer regular biscuits in hope to raise participation at our high school. The students complain that the whole grain biscuit is to dark and doesn't taste good. Our high school enrollment was 583 and we average serving 165 for breakfast. See attached production records.  We stopped serving pasta several years ago because the students weren't accepting the whole grain well. We would like to offer regular pasta to better serve our students and add variety to the menu.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Biscuit	Pillsbury	132268000

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Melissa Dooley  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-19-18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-26-18  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I Julia Bauscher as the duly authorized representative of Jefferson County Public Schools do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

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**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**


**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Fried Rice- Students did not like the whole grain fried rice during School Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC) testing.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	


**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Fried Rice	Whole grain rice with peas and carrots mixed with Asian style sauce.	Chefs Conner	Ofc2149

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/5/2018  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-6-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Terina Edington, as the duly authorized representative of Jefferson County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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Hardship(s):

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<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	X
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Whole Grain Easy split biscuit	C.H. Guenther/Pioneer	3043

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*Terina Ediston*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

*2-26-18*  
Date

*Sandy Wagner*  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

*3-19-18*  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Terina Edington, as the duly authorized representative of Jefferson County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Elbow Pasta

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Elbow Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pasta	Elbow	Barilla	1000-011-150

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Torina Edington  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-11-17  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-11-17  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Susan Baker, as the duly authorized representative of Jenkins Independent School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

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**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Hushpuppies
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Grabitzers Hushpuppies	These hush puppies are made with fresh cornmeal, chopped onions, parsley, sugar and spices for true Southern flavor	McCain	159760

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-30-18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-14-18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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7-6-16  
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[unclear]  
[unclear]

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole grain biscuit
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain biscuit

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain biscuit
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Whole grain biscuit	Pillsbury easy split whole grain biscuit	Pillsbury	631902
Whole grain biscuit	Whole grain biscuit	Richs	237390

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**Susan Baker**

Director of Schools

**7/5/2016**

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**7-6-16**  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Susan Baker, as the duly authorized representative of Jenkins Independent School District [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

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Hardship(s):

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Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ⑦	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Pasta

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Pasta Biscuits
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Durum Wheat Semolina	Spaghetti Noodles Egg Noodles Elbow macaroni	GFS	Vendor Item Code 9390141370 9390129234 9390113320
ENRICHED FLOUR	Biscuits	Pillsbury	94562-32391 94562-06235

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Susan Baker  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5-2-18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-2-18  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Lee Ann Conner as the duly authorized representative of Jessamine Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Hardship(s):

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

Please complete this form, sign, and electronically submit to Sandra Wagner at [Sandra.wagner@education.ky.gov](mailto:Sandra.wagner@education.ky.gov)

**Financial hardship:** The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.

**Financial hardship:** The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).

**Limited product availability:** The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.

**Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:** The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.

I am requesting a whole-grain waiver for Waffles to be served 1 day every 3 weeks at the Middle & High schools for lunch as part of a "Chicken & Waffles" entree.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

**Poor student acceptability:** The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.

We are working hard to get the students to trust us & try new foods. We sampled a whole grain waffle during the 2017-18 year during breakfast that did not go over well. The Ginny's Waffle we are requesting to serve will be an item that students will enjoy & it will help us to increase participation. The waffles will be served along with a Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Strip.

Other hardship (please list):



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Heather Conner

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-27-18

Date

Heather Conner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-27-18

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Karen Barden, as the duly authorized representative of Jessamine County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Pasta Products, Biscuit

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Pastas and Biscuit
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
2/6 { Spaghetti	Whole Grain	GFS	221460
Pastas { Macaroni	Whole Grain	GFS	229941
Penne	Whole Grain	GFS	221482
Biscuit	Whole Grain	GFS	565711

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Director of Schools

6/19/17  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-14-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Marsha Coleman, as the duly authorized representative of Johnson County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Egg noodles
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pasta	Ex. wide egg noodle	GFS	292346

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Marsha Coleman  
Director of Schools

2/8/17  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

2-8-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Angela Ledford, as the duly authorized representative of Knox County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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Hardship(s):

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Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain biscuits Whole grain rolls

Hardship(s):

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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Easy Split WG Buttermilk Biscuit	Bakery Chef	8615121031
WG Biscuit	Whole Grain Biscuit Dough	Pillsbury	132268000
WG Biscuit	Whole Grain Biscuit Dough	Rich's	49800093157

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Stephanie Utey, as the duly authorized representative of LaRue County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The Interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Pasta

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Pasta
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Stephanie Utley  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/17/18  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-18-18  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

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Hardship(s):

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<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  <u>Biscuit:</u> Attached are breakfast production records showing the difference at our high school where we served 185 breakfast with wg biscuits and 276 when we served the regular biscuit. Our high school students will come to the serving line and see the wg biscuits and walk away. Parents and students are complaining. See attached <u>Pasta:</u> We have not served spaghetti in several years because the wg was not accepted well by the students. We would like to offer regular pasta to add variety to our menu and better serve our students.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Biscuit	Pillsbury	132268000

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Tammy Hamrick  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-14-18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-18-18  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

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Hardship(s):

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  <u>Biscuit:</u> Attached are breakfast production records showing the difference at our high school where we served 185 breakfast with wg biscuits and 276 when we served the regular biscuit. Our high school students will come to the serving line and see the wg biscuits and walk away. Parents and students are complaining. See attached <u>Pasta:</u> We have not served spaghetti in several years because the wg was not accepted well by the students. We would like to offer regular pasta to add variety to our menu and better serve our students.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

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Tammy Hamrick  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-14-18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-18-18  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2017-18

I, Tammy Hammock, as the duly authorized representative of the Laurel County Public Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

### Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:

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SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
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<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s) to

Hardship(s):

be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  May 2016 we served 3514 breakfast that included the regular biscuit, August 2017 we served 3386 that included the wg biscuits, a difference of 128, at our high schools the difference was 222 breakfast. Our high school students will come to the serving line and see the biscuits and walk away. Parents and students are complaining. See attached	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code	
WG Biscuit	Biscuit	Pillsbury	132268000	

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

10-19-17  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-22-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Teresa Thomas, as the duly authorized representative of Lee County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	student acceptable is down with our pasta dishes.
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	the cost of whole grain products has risen
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	We always used precooked lasagna pasta but we can not find a 51% whole grain product from the prime vendor. The ease of the precooked pasta compared to the product that has to be cooked has made the preparation process more labor intense.
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	the whole grain Pasta (elbow and spaghetti & lasagne) doesn't hold up well in holding wells, it becomes mushy and sticky, cracker cost because of the fact we can not find a whole grain saltine and having to use other whole grain crackers that are more costly

Hardship(s):

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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	pasta dishes aren't accepted well with using 51% whole grain and it doesn't hold well. It gets limp and sticky and doesn't look appetizing because of the brown color.
Other hardship (please list):	using whole grain goldfish crackers with soups has become costly since we can not find a whole grain saltine to serve.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
whole grain spaghetti	51% Spaghetti Pasta 10# bags	Dakota Growers	6738791322
whole grain Elbow macaroni	51% Elbow macaroni Pasta 10# bags	Dakota Growers	6738792109



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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

06/30/2017

Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-2-17

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

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**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	the biggest part of the whole grain items have been noticed to be thrown away
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	cost of serving whole grain is higher.
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	GFS only has 1 whole grain biscuit on the bid and it isn't that good and when baked it looks like an hourglass. doesn't bake up looking appetizing
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	students want a white biscuit and white rice

**Hardship(s):**


**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	we have used the rice, biscuit and crackers for the past few years with negative feedback from students and staff. We could not find another product with GFS/prime vendor to even try. These items have been thrown away or just not chose on the line.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	the biscuit bake up and don't look like biscuits...look like hourglass. The brown rice isn't a good product and we haven't been able to find another that is acceptable and approved.

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	2.5 oz. frozen dough	Pillsbury	94562-32268
Mexican brown rice	whole grain Mexican brown rice	KENT Precision Foods Group	586280,R655-D5193
mini wg saltine crackers	.39 oz. ind package	Kellogg's	3010010088

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

08/22/2017  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-22-17  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: Lee County Schools

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: Whole Grain Lasagna pasta noodles

Brand Name of product used:

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Beef and Cheese Lasagna

Other products tested: N/A

Issues with products used and tested: No whole grain lasagna pasta available on bid or in stock at Gordon Food Service.

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Date Submitted: 8-7-14

Date Approved: 8-11-14

*Sandra Wagner*

*no product available at this time*

**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Nancy Banks as the duly authorized representative of Letcher County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
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Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain Biscuit
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

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Tony Serpent  
Director of Schools

7-27-16  
Date

Nancy Banks  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

Sandy Wagner  
8-4-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Tiffany Ferry, as the duly authorized representative of Lewis County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

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**Hardship(s):**

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

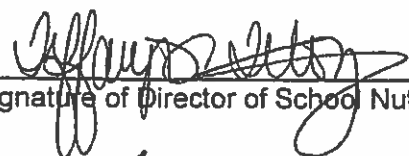
**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Crackers, noodles, biscuits
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9/15/17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-23-17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk  
For School Year 2017-18**

I, Tiffany D. Felty, as the duly authorized representative of Lewis County Schools Food Services [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Yes	Hardship(s):	Documentation Submitted (invoices, waste study, production records, etc.)
	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	X
	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	
	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	
	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

**Tiffany D. Felty** Digitally signed by Tiffany D. Felty  
Date: 2017.10.23 13:00:53 -04'00'

10/23/2017

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Date

  
Approved Program Manager

11-8-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Cathy Pleasants, as the duly authorized representative of Lincoln County Food Service Department [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit, Whole Grain Roll,
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Southern Style	Pillsbury	618152
Roll	White Roll	Sister Schubert's	494385

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Cathy Pleasants  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-17-2017  
Date

Sandra Cy  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-9-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements**  
**School Year 2016-2017**

I, Jamye S. Stokes, as the duly authorized representative of Logan Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
4	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Rich's W/G Biscuit Dough, Frozen 2.10.13

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production record):

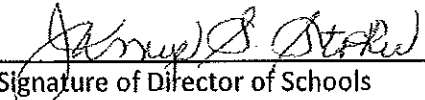
Yes Hardship(s):

4	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Production Records to support this would have to be pulled from the 144554. Documentation is shown for the 3015165y using a WG slider bun for all breakfast sandwiches.
4	Other hardship (please list): A decrease in participation due to poor student acceptability	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Southern Style Biscuit Dough	Pillsbury	94562-66252
Slider Roll	WW Slider Bun	Super Bakery	8669
Biscuit	WG Biscuit Dough	Rich's	09315

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Signature of Director of Schools

6/7/16  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-14-16  
Date

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Logan County Schools began using whole grain biscuits the year that all breakfast items had to be 100% whole grain. The elementary/middle school students did not care for the whole grain biscuits. We continued to use this whole grain biscuit until the 2015-16 school year when we went with a whole grain slider bun for our breakfast sandwiches. Although there was slight improvement in student acceptance, the slider bun was still not a big hit.

The following documentation is for the whole grain biscuit dough that we used up until the 2015-16 school year.

## **Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition**

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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** Bisig, Juanita - Diocese of Louisville  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** Whole Grain Waivers

Juanita,

In order to approve your whole grain waiver request, we will need you to provide some more information.

We will need you to enter the other product types/brands that you have tried at the bottom of page two for the exemption request form.

We are also requesting that you provide us with a week of menus from the month of September for the school years 2013 and 2014, as well as production records from these same weeks to show the decline in acceptance of these particular products.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these requests.

Thank you,

*Sandy Wagner NDTR, SNS*

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Juanita Bisig, as the duly authorized representative of Archdiocese of Louisville School Lunch Program, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes

Hardship(s):


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Sandwich bread, hotdog buns, hamburger buns, tortillas, biscuits, dinner rolls
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	Participation has dropped dramatically.  32,812 fewer students eating since we started serving whole grain products.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

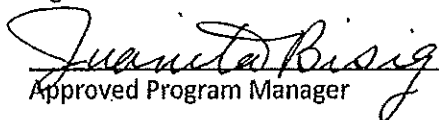
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Signature of Director of Schools

03-26-2015

Date



Approved Program Manager

03-26-2015

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Debbie Dowell as the duly authorized representative of Lynn Co. School [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	rolled tacos: egg, sausage, cheese, potato: turkey P.V. whole grain frozen bis dough
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	rolled taco/egg, sausage, cheese, potato: turkey P.V. whole grain frozen bis dough

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

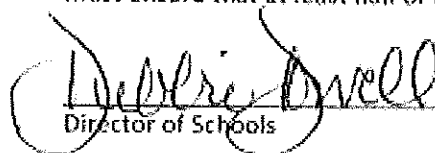
Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Bread Bis Dough	G. Mill	31151
Breakfast Taco	Cheesy P.J. Tornado	Ruiz	86044
Breakfast Taco	Sun, Egg & Cheese Tornado	Ruiz	86859
Breakfast Taco	Egg, Bacon Cheese & Salsa Tornado	Ruiz	86144

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Director of Schools

4-6-17  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

4-10-17  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Andrew Oliver, as the duly authorized representative of Maggoffin Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

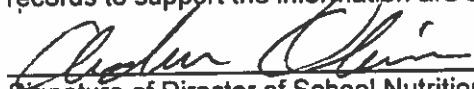
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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	X
Other hardship (please list): when students filled out a survey, bread that is not whole grain was the most frequently asked for item under the question "what item would you like to see served at lunch."	X

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Bun	Hamburger bun 1.50Z		GFS#254262
WG Biscuit	WG 1oz biscuit		GFS# 515110
WG Bun	1.2502 Hotdog Bun		GFS# 517830

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/25/17  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-27-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Jennifer Wheeler, as the duly authorized representative of Marion County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

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SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Pasta Rice
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Whole Grain Pasta	Kitchen Essentials Pasta - Spaghetti and Macaroni	Kitchen Essentials	654560/654550
Whole Grain Rice	White Rice Par Boiled long grain (Gordons Choice)	GFS	722987
	Mexican Long Grain (Gordons Choice)	GFS	556670



records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

1-23-18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

2-5-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Jennifer Wheeler, as the duly authorized representative of Marion County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Crackers Whole Grain Biscuits

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Crackers Whole Grain Biscuits
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Whole Grain Crackers	Zesta Crackers	Keebler	190241 (GFS)
Whole Grain Biscuits	Pillsbury Biscuits	Pillsbury	618152 (GFS)

records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/10/11  
Date

*[Signature]*  
SGN/MC Program Coordinator

8-14-17  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, McKenzie Suiter, as the duly authorized representative of Marshall County School District [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Grain Product(s)	Hardship Factor 1	Hardship Factor 2	Hardship Factor 3	Other Hardship

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	We are contracting with GFS, they do not offer a WG tortilla.
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	GFS is not offering a WG tortilla. Students prefer a non-whole grain tortilla. From previous use of a WG tortilla, they stick together making preparation difficult for the cook/baker.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Tortilla	6 inch pressed flour tortilla	La Fronteriza	702633

Hardship(s): Pizza

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Loss of student participation
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s): Pizza

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG pizza company that was acceptable to students went out of business. With student taste testing the Alpha Foods non wg pizza was the favored pizza by the students.
Other hardship (please list):	To keep cost down the district prefers to do commodity processing. After student taste testing and choosing from a pizza that is available through processing the Alpha Foods non wg pep and cheese pizza was the selected by student.


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized: Giorgio wg pizza

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pizza	Sgt Pep Garlic Butter Cheese	Alpha Foods	SP-162R
Pizza	Sgt Pep Garlic Butter Pepperoni	Alpha Foods	AP-164R





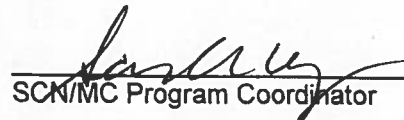
My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.



Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/2/2018

Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-7-2018

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Beth Cunningham, as the duly authorized representative of Marshall County School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

x	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuit
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
x	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Burrito WG Crackers Zesta Mini ✓
x	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit WG Cracker Zesta Mini ✓

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

x	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Crackers Zesta Mini ✓ Whole grain biscuit ✓
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>  Burrito did not have a wg one on co op bid	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Burrito	Burrito	Foster Farms	10131 see attached doc.
Biscuit	Biscuit	Ralcorp/ConAgra	10077 see attached
Crackers	Sunshine Harvest Wheat	General Mills	114378 see attached

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Beth Cunningham, F&D

Signature of Director of Schools

4/3/2015

Date

Karen Aika Becky Rhodes

Approved Program Manager

4-3-15

Date

Sue Bartenfield

4-16-15

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**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption  
School Year 2016-2017**

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Burrito	Poor Student Acceptability	Only burrito on our bid
Biscuit	Poor Student Acceptability	Tried several w/g biscuits none were accepted
Crackers	Poor Student Acceptability	Tried Garden of Eatin' Crackers too small + poor taste

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Beth Cunningham  
Director of Schools

7/15/16  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-9-16  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2017-18

I, Marcie Hale, as the duly authorized representative of Martin County School District [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain biscuit, pasta, whole grain tortilla
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
wg tortilla	tortilla shell	Azteca	06209
wg pasta	spaghetti	Dakota Growers	6738792021
wg pasta	rotini	GFS	867850

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Melanie A. Hale  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-29-17  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-29-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Leah Feagin, as the duly authorized representative of Mayfield Ind [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

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Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	X

Hardship(s):


List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Pizza Biscuits
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Pizza	Pizza cheese	Conagra	24824
WG Biscuit	Biscuit Dough	Peach Valley	10530

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/28/17  
Date

  
SCNMC Program Coordinator

7-5-17  
Date

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## **Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition**

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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2015 12:36 PM  
**To:** Holland, Leah  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** WG Exemption

Leah,

We received your request for an exemption from the whole grain rich requirements for your Domino's Pizza. This request has been denied.

We do not feel that we can grant an exemption for a commercial product such as this, as it might appear we were endorsing this product.

Let me know if you have any questions, and feel free to apply for an exemption for other products that you are having hardship with.

Thank you,

*Sandy Wagner NDTR, SNS*

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Leah Holland, as the duly authorized representative of Mayfield Independent School Nutrition, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

x	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Domino's Pizza
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code



My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Lonnie J. Burgett  
Signature of Director of Schools

4/14/15  
Date

[Signature]  
Approved Program Manager

4-14-15  
Date

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**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption**

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Cracker	Poor Student Acceptability	#114378
Biscuit	Poor Student Acceptability	#10077
Tortilla	Poor Student Acceptability	#13907

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
Signature of Director of Schools

9/12/16  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-12-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Sara Jane Hedges, as the duly authorized representative of McCracken County Public Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

x	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuit
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
x	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Whole Grain Zesta Crackers
x	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit Whole Grain Zesta Crackers Whole Grain Tortilla

Yes      Hardship(s):

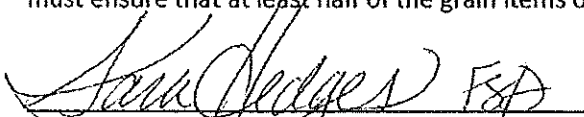
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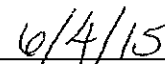
x	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit Whole Grain Zesta Crackers Whole Grain Tortilla
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

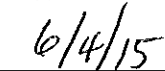
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Cracker	Sunshine Harvest Wheat	General Mills	#114378 CRS
Biscuit	Biscuit	Ralcorp/ Con Agra	#10077 CRS
Tortilla	Tortilla	Mexican Original	#13907 CRS

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Signature of Director of Schools

  
Date

  
Approved Program Manager

  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Mitzi Stephens, as the duly authorized representative of McCreary County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	We can't find Corn Meal that meets WB requirements!
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WB	Corn Meal	Weisenberg	308LS



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Mely Stephen  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11/2/17  
Date

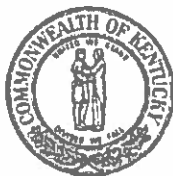
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-2-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Mitzi Stephens, as the duly authorized representative of McCreary County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	We have been having hard time getting WG Friend Tostitos on a consistent basis due to an order.
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Whole Grain	Friend Tostitos	Sunny Fresh	40034

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Tracy Stepha  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11/1/12  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-1-12  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2016-2017

I, Mitzi Stephens, as the duly authorized representative of the McCreary County School System [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuits, WG Pasta
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Whole Grain Bread Product	Pillsbury	4126
Pasta Noodles	Whole Grain Pasta Product	Barilla	4087 & 4003



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Mitzi Stephens, Food Service Director

October 27, 2016

Director of Schools

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-31-16  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: McLean County Board of Education

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:

130592 Pasta Azerega Small Spiral Rotini

Brand Name of product used:

130568 2-10 Lbs. Barilla WG Rotini

Recipe(s) in which the product is used:

Baked Ziti

Other products tested: Macaroni, spaghetti, penne noodles all have the same issue

Issues with products used and tested:

Product is sticky and turns to mush when cooked

Internal Use Only

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Date Submitted: 7-21-14

Date Approved: ~~7-22-14~~

Approving Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Others have had success w/ tri color rotini

✓

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name:** McLean County Board of Education

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:**

130642 Patria Elbow Macaroni

**Brand Name of product used:**

130566 2-10 Lbs. Barilla WG Macaroni

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:**

Macaroni & Cheese

**Other products tested:** Rotini, spaghetti, and penne noodles all have the same issue

**Issues with products used and tested:**

Product is sticky and turns to mush when cooked

**Internal Use Only**

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**Date Submitted:** 7-21-14

**Date Approved:** 7-22-14

**Approving Signature:** *Sandra Wagner*

*Similar issues in other districts - not many products available.*

X

KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: McLean County Board of Education

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:

130642 20 lbs. Patria Spaghetti

Brand Name of product used:

130566 2-10 lbs. Barilla Pasta Whole Grain Spaghetti

Recipe(s) in which the product is used:

Spaghetti with meat sauce.

Other products tested: Macaroni, rotini, penne noodles all have the same issue

Issues with products used and tested:

Product is sticky and turns to mush when cooked

Internal Use Only

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Date Submitted:

Date Approved:

Approving Signature:

Other districts have had success w/ spaghetti

## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2016-2017

I, Terry Lancaster, as the duly authorized representative of Meade County Board of Education Food Service [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuit

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuit
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuit 2.51 oz	Pillsbury	132267000
Biscuit	Biscuit	Bakery Chef	68615121031
Biscuit	Biscuit 2.2 oz	Peach Valley	PVB1600NL/216

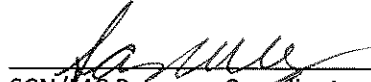
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**Terry Lancaster**

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Director of Schools

**2/6/17**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**2-7-2017**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Lorn Bartley, as the duly authorized representative of New Lee Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

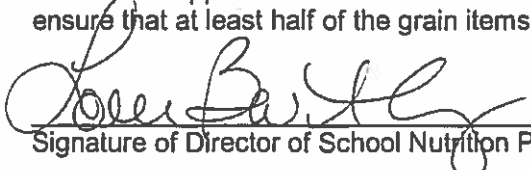
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

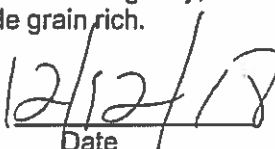
Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	✓
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

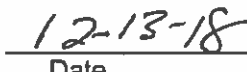
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuits	W/G Buttermilk	Cargill Foods Pillsbury Chef	1269102
Biscuits	W/G Buttermilk	Pillsbury	431902

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Marsha Rogers, as the duly authorized representative of Mercer Co. BOE [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Marsha Rogers  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5/30/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-7-18  
Date

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuit All Pasta Products

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuit All Pasta Products
Other hardship (please list):	



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**Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk  
For School Year 2017-18**

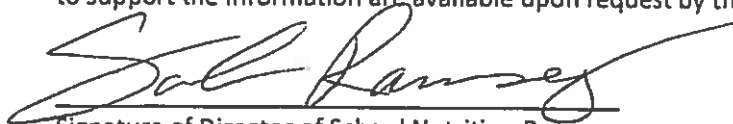
I, Sandy Ramsey, as the duly authorized representative of Middlesboro Independent Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Yes Hardship(s):

Documentation Submitted  
(invoices, waste study,  
production records, etc.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	As you can see, almost milk was not taken by the students as well as the 1%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

July 13, 2017

Date

  
Approved Program Manager 

07-13-17

Date 7-24-17

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption


Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-2017 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Flour Tortilla 10"	Poor Student Acceptability	10" Not available thru my vendor. (only 12" WG)
<u>missed another request</u>		

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Signature of Director of Schools

Middlesboro ISD  
District

1-21-17  
Date

  
SON/MC Program Coordinator

2-20-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Debbie Mayes, SFSD, as the duly authorized representative of The Middlesboro Board of Education, Middlesboro School Foodservice, do hereby attest that the fore mentioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016



Hardship(s):YES

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	In order to increase more grain, we offer WG crackers , whenever having salads, soups, and chili.
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The WG cracker are very pasty. With a terrible after taste.

Hardship(s): Yes

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Most student do want the crackers.
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Crackers/Saltines	4pk WG Crackers/Saltines	Keebler	48405
WG Crackers/Saltines	4pk WG Crackers/Saltines	Heritage Ovens	271131

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Debbie Mayer  
Signature of Director of Schools

7-25-16  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-27-16  
Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

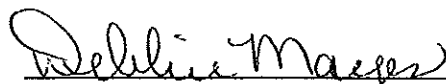
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List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Pillsbury WG Southern Style Biscuits	Poor Student Acceptability	I have tried several brands and students will not take. Do not hold well in warming cabinet.
WG Pastas	Poor Student Acceptability	WG pastas do not cook up well and breakdown during holding.

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Signature of Director of Schools

**Middlesboro ISD**  
District

7-25-16  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-27-16  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Debbie Mayes, as the duly authorized representative of Middlesboro Independent School District, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

YES	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Breakfast numbers have dropped significantly. Please see attached sheet.
YES	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	Most whole grain products are more expensive than regular.
YES	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Checked with other vendors and local grocery stores
YES	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.  The whole grain products are dark and not what the students are used to seeing. Therefore if it's different, they automatically	

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<i>Yes</i>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students are complaining about the crust being dry and hard.  It is does not hold well in a warming cabinet.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	



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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

YES	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Breakfast numbers dropped significantly. Please see attachment.
YES	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	Most whole grain products are more expensive.
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
YES	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	<p>The whole grain products are dark, and not what the students are used to seeing. Therefore if it's different, they automatically don't want to eat it, especially at the high school level.</p> <p>Even the Papa John's School Pizza with whole grain crust only lasted a few months. The students got to the point they didn't like that wg crust and we had to change back to other options.</p>

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

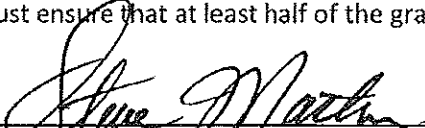
YES	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<p>Whole Grain Biscuits</p> <p>Any Pizza with Whole Grain Crust</p> <p>Whole Grain Pasta</p>
	<p><b>Other hardship (please list):</b></p> <p>Whole Grain Pasta is the worst. The pasta does not hold up, example in soup, the pasta would dissolve and the soup would become very thick and pastey.</p>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized: We have tried many different products, even went as far as to buy products from Kroger and Walmart, to compare with the whole grain products from the vendors.

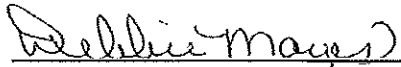
Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuits	216/2.2oz Southern Style 220/2.2oz	Pillsbury Mary B's	2173090 8705190
		Pizza	
WG Pasta	Barilla WG 10#	Barilla	2314343

"We had to use rotini in soups , etc it was the only thing that wouldn't dissolve."

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 Signature of Director of Schools

7-20-15  
 Date

  
 Approved Program Manager

7-20-15  
 Date

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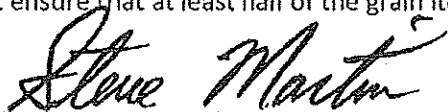
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List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Pizza Crust	Whole Pepperoni Pizza, WG Cheese Pizza	Tony's Pizza	
	WG Sausage Pizza WG Breakfast Pizza		

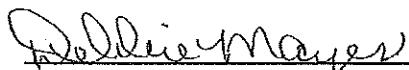
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Signature of Director of Schools

8-21-15

Date



Approved Program Manager

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Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, John Pettit, as the duly authorized representative of Monroe Co. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	w/g Biscuits w/g Rolls w/g Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
w/g Biscuits	w/g Buttermilk biscuit	Bakery Chef	126962
w/g Biscuits	w/g Biscuit dough	Pillsbury	269210
w/g Roll	w/g Roll	ma's kitchen	536890
w/g Roll	Rich's w/g Roll	Rich	563332
w/g Pasta	51% w/g Pasta	Dakota Growers	221460
w/g Pasta	w/g Pasta	Heartland	696430

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

10-29-18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-1-18  
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Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Julie Metcalf, as the duly authorized representative of Montgomery Co Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓ Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Dakota Growers Spaghetti

Hardship(s):

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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Penne Pasta	Fully Cooked Penne	Primo Gusto	Info attached w/ notes

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Julie Mcraut  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/13/17  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-13-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Julie Mitchell, as the duly authorized representative of Montgomery County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016



List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Peach Valley Whole Grain Biscuit

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	2T Frozen Southern Style Biscuit Dough	General Mills	94562-31151

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Julie Metcalf  
Director of Schools

11/9/16  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-10-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Jo Cooper, as the duly authorized representative of Muhlenberg [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	the biscuits are hard + dry. Pasta is gummy

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits & pasta
Other hardship (please list): We have a lot of waste the kids throw them away.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pasta	Whole grain spaghetti	AZerega	130648
Biscuit	WG Biscuit dough	Mary's B's	10151
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Peach Valley	10530

We have tried every biscuits out there

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*Park McCarty*

Director of Schools

8-22-16

Date

*Jo Cooper*

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-22-16

Date

8-23-16

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, April Adams, as the duly authorized representative of Murray Independent Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Crackers Saltine
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
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<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

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<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuit
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

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<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Fiesta Rice – This is the only Mexican rice that is currently on bid to offer with Mexican meals
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

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April Adams  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/12/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-18-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes      Hardship(s):

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	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Croutons
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes      Hardship(s):

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	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

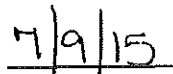
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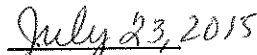
Signature of Director of Schools



Date



Approved Program Manager



Date

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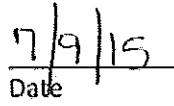
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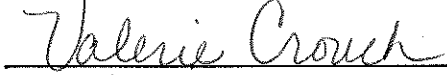
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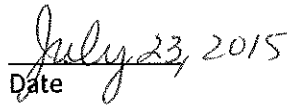
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	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Fiesta Rice – this is the only type of Mexican rice that we can get off of our bid to offer students with Mexican type meals.
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes      Hardship(s):

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April Adams  
Signature of Director of Schools

9/28/15  
Date

Valerie Crouch  
Approved Program Manager

9/29/15  
Date

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## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Jessica Gies, as the duly authorized representative of Nelson County School District (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	WG Biscuit WG Pasta
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Pasta
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit		GFS	U18152
Pasta	spaghetti/Mac+cheese	GFS	413370 / 826170

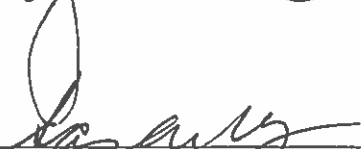
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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-9-18  
Date



SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-9-18  
Date

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### Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2017-18

I, Amy Switzer, as the duly authorized representative of Nicholas Co. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

#### Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	X
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Buttermilk Biscuit	Pillsbury	109830



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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

10/2/18  
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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-10-18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, **Dianna Wilson**, as the duly authorized representative of Ohio County Board Of Education [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Spaghetti, Macaroni, (all Pasta) Crackers, Biscuits
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

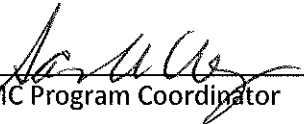
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Dianna Wilson

Director of Schools

7/22/16

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-25-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Dianna Wilson, as the duly authorized representative of Ohio County Schools Food Service Director [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Dough Biscuit 51% WGRAIN
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students do not like the WGRAIN biscuit
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	The WGrain Biscuits is more costly

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Biscuits	General Mills	

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Dianna Wilson  
Signature of Director of Schools

J. P. Rouch  
Approved Program Manager

8-5-14  
Date

8/6/15  
Date

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**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption**

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

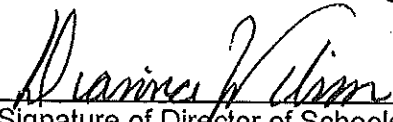
The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Pasta Spaghetti	Poor student acceptability	
Macaroni	Poor Student acceptability	
Biscuits WG	Poor Student acceptability and more costly	
Wheat crackers	Poor student acceptability	



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Signature of Director of Schools

7-26-16  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-26-16  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name:

Ohio County Schools

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:

Elbow Macaroni, 51% Wgrain.

Brand Name of product used:

Dakota Grower Co.

Recipe(s) in which the product is used:

Macaroni and Cheese

Other products tested:

Barillo - Whole grain paste elbow macaroni.

Issues with products used and tested:

Doesn't look like it has cheese

Sticks together

Sticky in appearance and texture

Student do not like looks.

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Date Submitted: 7-28-14

Date Approved: 7-29-14

Approving Signature: Sarah Wagner

Other districts have had same issues. Doesn't hold well  
in Mac & Cheese.



## Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19

I, Jerome van Gaalen as the duly authorized representative of Oldham County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

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<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	There is no whole grain version of this product available to us in our area.
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

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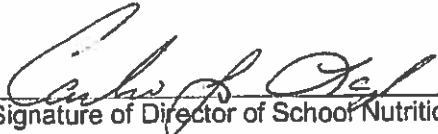
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<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/30/18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-4-18  
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Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuit
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
126962	Biscuit Buttermilk, wG	Bakery Chef	126962
269210	Biscuit Dough, Split, wG	Pillsbury General Mills	269210

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Pamela Green  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/26/18  
Date

~~James Wilson~~ Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

~~6-26-2018~~ 6-26-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Amy Chappell, as the duly authorized representative of Owen Co Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

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\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

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Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Rice

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Rice
Other hardship (please list): Attempted and re-introduced many times to students. WG Rice is hard to prepare and hold in bulk. Students are not accepting of this option so we continue to serve white rice.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
White Rice	Long Grain White Rice	Uncle Ben's	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Amy Chappell  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-16-18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-16-18  
Date

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### Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2017-18

I, Amy Chappell, as the duly authorized representative of QuonCo Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

#### Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:

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\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	WG Pasta
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Pasta

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Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Pasta
Other hardship (please list): Because of significant drop in meal counts and increased plate waste regular pasta has been served the past several years. It would benefit, both financially and positively for the program, to serve and count the regular pasta as a grain component.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Jim Chappell  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

5-4-18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

5-7-18  
Date

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School Year 2017-18**

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

✓ Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit (see attached photo)
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Southern Style	Pillsbury	94562-31524



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Amy Chappell

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-6-17

Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-5-17

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements**  
**School Year 2016-2017**

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

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List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	WG Biscuit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit
	Other hardship (please list): The whole grain rich product is not as nutritional sound as the non-whole grain product in calories, sat-fat and carbs.	WG Biscuit


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Director of Schools

8-24-17  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

3-1-17  
Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

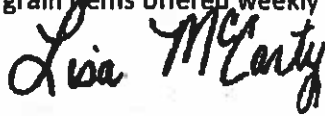
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Zesta Cracker	Poor Student Acceptability, Limited Product Availability	Westminster WG Cracker, Sunshine Harvest Wheat Cracker
Breakfast Tornado	Poor Student Acceptability, Limited Product Availability	WG Rolled Taco - Egg, Sausage, Cheese, and Potato, Schwans Breakfast Sliders
Chocolate Chip Cookie	Poor Student Acceptability	Otis Spunkmeyer Choc Chip Cookie, Otis WG Carnival Cookie, Kellogg's WG Rice Krispie Treat

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Schools

6/6/2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-8-16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

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Yes Hardship(s):

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etc. for documentation):

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X	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Tornado Wraps
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Tornado Wraps

Yes Hardship(s):

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	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Breakfast Taco	WG Rolled Taco Egg, Sausage, Cheese, and Potato	Ruiz	41525

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Lisa McCarty

Signature of Director of Schools

4-20-15

Date

Sue Bartenfield

Approved Program Manager

4/23/15

Date

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	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WW Crackers	Crackers – Whole Wheat	Westminster	30017 3 Pkgs Make 1 Bread 7.5gm Per Package

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Lia McCarty  
Signature of Director of Schools

5-1-15  
Date

Sue N. Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

5-4-15  
Date

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X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

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	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough WG	WG Choc Chip Cookie Dough 1oz	Otis Spunkmeyer	55670
Carnival Cookie WG	WG RF Carnival Cookie Dough 1oz	Otis Spunkmeyer	55678

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Lia McCarty  
Signature of Director of Schools

5-18-15  
Date

Sue Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

5/21/15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
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I, Saundra Bowman, as the duly authorized representative of Dusky County School District [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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**Hardship(s):**

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<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Hamburger Buns; Breakfast Biscuit
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Hamburger Bun	4in - 51% Whole Grain	Bimbo/Hamilton	3778
Breakfast Biscuit	Whole Grain; 2 oz; Easy Split	Pillsbury	631902



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Sandra Bowman MS.D.D. SWA3  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

2/26/18  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

2-27-18  
Date

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**KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015**

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name:** Owsley County School District

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:** Lasagna Noodles

**Brand Name of product used:** GFS brand Item Number 108197

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:** Lasagna

**Other products tested:** Vendor does not carry a whole grain lasagna noodle

**Issues with products used and tested:** GFS does not carry a whole grain lasagna noodle. I have checked with several other manufactures and they do not carry a whole grain lasagna noodle either.

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**Date Approved:** 8-11-14

**Approving Signature:** Sandra Wagner

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Lynsi Barnhill, as the duly authorized representative of Paducah Independent Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit WG Cracker WG Tortilla WG Pasta

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Cracker WG Tortilla WG Pasta
Other hardship (please list):	

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Terri Barnhill

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-10-18

Date

[Signature]

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-13-18

Date

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<u>Grain Item</u>	<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Product Code</u>
Biscuit	Pillsbury 2.2 oz. biscuit	General Mills	GFS # 618152 GFS # 866920
Cracker	Saltine Cracker	GFS	GFS # 870400
Tortilla	6" White Tortilla	LaFronteriza	GFS# 702633
Pasta	10 in. pasta spaghetti	Kitchen Essentials	GFS # 654560

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

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Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

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SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

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Hardship(s):

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Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Pillsbury 2.2 oz. biscuit	General Mills	CRS #10084
Cracker	Zesta Saltine Cracker	Keebler	CRS #113836
Tortilla	6" White Tortilla	Mexican Original	CRS #13899

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Lynsi Barnhill

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/3/17

Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-14-17

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Penny Holt, as the duly authorized representative of Paducah Public Schools do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). □	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain crackers for salads and a few alternate entrees

Yes Hardship(s):

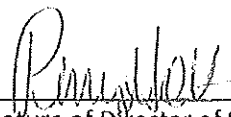
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Crackers for salads and other entrees such as cheese and crackers and peanut butter and crackers. Students do not like the whole grain crackers and too many must be given to meet guidance elevating cost, calories and sodium
	Other hardship (please list):	

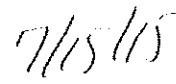
List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Saltine Cracker	Individual Wrapped Saltine crackers	Keebler	01446

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Signature of Director of Schools

  
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Approved Program Manager

  
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Date

  
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Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, April Gross, as the duly authorized representative of Paris Ind. Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Uncle Ben's Mexican Fiesta Rice
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

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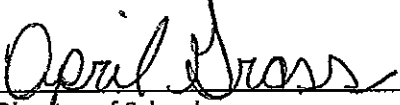
Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Director of Schools

11/16/16  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-16-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Lisa Mitchell as the duly authorized representative of Pendleton County Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

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SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	We have shown that we have had a drop in participation on taking Whole grain products Pasta, Biscuits, Bagels, and crackers compared to White products in the same form.  Our students will take the Whole Wheat Bread, Hamburger and Hot Dog Buns. So we will continue to serve those products. We can also use the Penne Noodles in Multi Grain.
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Whole grain products are a little more costly but we have not had a problem at this time financially.
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Noddle Lasagna not available (See below)
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	It had a nasty texture and taste was terrible students would not take the product.

Hardship(s):

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<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits at all schools Crackers at all schools Pasta at all schools (Spaghetti, Lasagna, macaroni, Egg Noodle) Bagels at High School
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
100 % durum Wheat Semolina	Lasagna ridged curly	GFS	108197 order code
Enriched Flour bleached, Wheat flour, malted Barley flour	Pillsbury Southern Biscuits	GFS	618162 order code



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Risa Mitchell

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-23-2017

Date

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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-23-17

Date

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**KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015**

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

**Sponsor Name:**

Pendleton County Schools

**Name of Product a waiver is being requested for:**

Elbow Macaroni

**Brand Name of product used:**

Barilla

**Recipe(s) in which the product is used:**

Macaroni & Cheese

**Other products tested:**

GFS Brand

**Issues with products used and tested:**

Bitter flavor that over powers the cheese flavor. Noodles did not hold well, fell apart and became mushy.

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**Date Submitted:** 11-11-14

**Date Approved:** 11-12-14

*Sandra Wagner*

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School Year 2018-19**

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-11-18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-26-18  
Date

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# Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

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List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
565711	Student acceptability is still poor and waste is high	565711 WC Bixniet Peach Valley PUB 1600 DL/216
237390 / Rich	Does cost more	WC Bixniet Rich 09315
269210 / Coconut Mills	Student participation increased once waiver was approved last year.	Wj 3rd Gen Mills 94562-32248

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Thomas Nease / Linda Campbell 7-29-2016  
Director of Schools Date

Sandy Wagner 8-9-16  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator Date

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Thomas Nease  
Director of Schools

Penny Carter 7-29-2016  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-8-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Linda Campbell as the duly authorized representative of Perry County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation);

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	originally down to 32061, from 68391/month then to 44517/month
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	does cost more
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	not acceptable

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Students have signed statements expressing dislike for products
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
565711	WG Biscuit	Beach Valley	PVB1600NL/216
237390	WG Biscuit	Rich	<del>PVB</del> 09315
269210	WG EZ Split	Gen. Mills	94562-32268

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Linda Campbell  
Signature of Director of Schools

Valerie Crouch  
Approved Program Manager

4/5/16  
Date

4/5/2016  
Date

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## **Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2018-19**

I, Lisa Hess, as the duly authorized representative of Pike County School Food Service, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, student's letters, surveys, etc.):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Hamburger Buns Hot Dog Buns Sandwich Bread
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Hamburger Buns	4" Whole Grain (51% whole grain)	Bimbo Bakery	#3447
Hot Dog Buns	Whole Grain (min 51% whole grain)	Bimbo Bakery	#4266
Sandwich Bread	Whole Grain White (min 51% whole grain)	Bimbo Bakery	#3239

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Lisa C. Hess

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/18/2018

Date

[Signature]

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-26-18

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Lisa Hess, as the duly authorized representative of Lake County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	See Manager Notes

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	See Student Letters
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Pillsbury WG	Pillsbury	# 269210
Biscuit	Pillsbury WG	Pillsbury	# 631902

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

*Linda C. Hess*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11/7/2017  
Date

*Sandy Wagner*  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-9-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Lisa Idess, as the duly authorized representative of Pike County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	See manager letters

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	See student letters
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Macaroni	WG 51% Macaroni	Dakota Grainers	#229941
Spaghetti	WG 51% Spaghetti	Dakota Grainers	#221460
Penne	WG 51% Penne	Dakota Grainers	#221482

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Lisa Hess  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

11/7/2017  
Date

[Signature]  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

11-9-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Kristy Orem, as the duly authorized representative of Ritterville [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Krista Owen  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

1-19-2018  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

1-22-18  
Date

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Our Breakfast participation is very low.
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	The cost of Whole wheat Rolls!
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	The Breakfast Biscuits
Other hardship (please list):	Student's answered survey that they do not like the Biscuits

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized: Attach school documentation

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code



**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Scott Jeffrey, as the duly authorized representative of Pineville Independent [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016



List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The kids complain and waste the WG products

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG-Biscuit Pillsbury WG Pasta Barilla WG Rice Bar
	Other hardship (please list):	The kids waste, or don't eat the WG products. We have a lot of complaints with taste & texture


List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Director of Schools

1-31-17  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

1/30/17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Laura D Young, as the duly authorized representative of Powell Co Bd of Ed [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Laura D Young  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/11/2018  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	✓

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	✓
Other hardship (please list):	

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Laura D Young  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6/11/18  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-28-18  
Date

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List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WB Biscuit	Pillsbury	94562-32268
Biscuit	WB Biscuit	Peach Valley	PVB1600N4216

**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption  
School Year 2016-2017**

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Whole Grain Biscuits	Poor Student Acceptability	Pillsbury WG Biscuits Heritage WG Biscuits

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Lucille Hudson

Director of Schools

06/24/2016

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-7-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Lucille Hudson, as the duly authorized representative of Pulaski County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Students did not accept whole grain biscuits, pasta, lasagna, macaroni, spaghetti and brown rice.
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	The cost of whole grain rich products is much higher than enriched grain products.
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The whole grain product is darker in color and does not have a good texture or taste.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain biscuits and pasta is not accepted by students. If they chose it, it goes in the trash can.
Other hardship (please list):	Whole grain pasta products are not always available when ordered. Sometimes you have to special order an item and sometimes a case is more than is needed.

List alternate

native product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Spaghetti	Spaghetti	Barilla	468693
Macaroni	Macaroni	Barilla	313893
Lasagna	Lasagna	Patria	384805
Noodles	Noodles	Luigi	251646
Biscuits	Biscuits	Pillsbury	370866



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Rueille Hudson  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

12-04-2017  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

12-04-17  
Date

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Lucille Hudson

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

12-04-2017

Date

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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

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Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Lucille Hudson, as the duly authorized representative of Pulaski County Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

YES	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Biscuits
YES	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	Whole grain biscuits are much higher than wheat biscuits.
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Yes	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuits become very hard after a short time out of the oven.

Yes Hardship(s):

Whole Grain Biscuits

Yes	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuits are not well accepted by students. If you make sausage biscuits, a lot of students will take the sausage out of the biscuit and eat the sausage but throw the biscuit away. If you serve them separately, they will not always take the biscuit. The students always take the cereal of the morning.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuits	Biscuit	Pillsbury	32268
Biscuits	Biscuit	Heritage	353572

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Lucille Hudson *Lucille Hudson*  
Signature of Director of Schools

Date 03/17/2016

*Valerie Crouch, MS*  
Valerie Crouch, MS  
Approved Program Manager

3/24/2016  
Date

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Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

YES	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Pasta, lasagna, macaroni, spaghetti
YES	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whole grain pasta is not acceptable to the students
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Yes	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The whole grain pasta is dark and does not have a good texture or taste.

Yes Hardship(s):

Whole Grain Pasta

Yes	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Pasta is not accepted by the students. If they chose it, it goes in the garbage can.
	Other hardship (please list):	Whole grain pasta products is not always available when ordered. You lose sales when students can't have what they prefer.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

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Macaroni	Macaroni	Barilla	313893
Lasagna	Lasagna	Patria	384805
Noodles	Noodles	Luigi	251646

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Lucille Hudson *Lucille Hudson*  
Signature of Director of Schools

Date 07/28/2016

*[Signature]*  
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Approved Program Manager

9-8-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Jennifer Wilder as the duly authorized representative of Pal Bird School [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	✓

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain item: 269210 Biscuit Dough
Other hardship (please list):	Plate waste increased

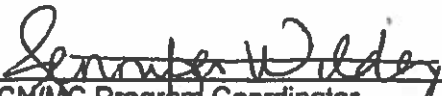

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Flour / Wheat Flour	Southern Style Bis Dough	Pillsbury / GFS	1618152

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Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

6-4-18  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator 

6-4-18  
Date 6-5-18

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Request for Exemption for Low-Fat Flavored Milk  
For School Year 2017-18

I, Veronica McDonnell as the duly authorized representative of Robertson <sup>County School</sup> [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship due to a decline in milk sales or increased milk waste. Under Section 747(c) of the Appropriations Act, through SY 2017-18, the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE will grant a School Food Authority an exemption allowing service of low-fat (1 percent milk fat) flavored milk through the NSLP and the SBP and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Yes Hardship(s):

Documentation Submitted  
(invoices, waste study,  
production records, etc.)

✓	Significant decrease in milk sales since implementation of the current meal pattern.	
	Declining milk sales despite offering alternative products and brands.	
✓	A food waste study indicating significant waste of fluid milk.	Picture of milk thrown away
	Significant negative feedback from students and parents regarding lack of availability of low-fat, flavored milk	
✓	Significant negative feedback from students regarding the palatability of fat-free, flavored milk.	

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Veronica McCombe  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7-12-17  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
Approved Program Manager

8-9-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Veronica McConnell as the duly authorized representative of Robertson Co School [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole grain Biscuits

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Veronica McConnell

Director of Schools

1-27-17

Date

Sandy Wagner

SGN/MC Program Coordinator

2-1-2017

Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

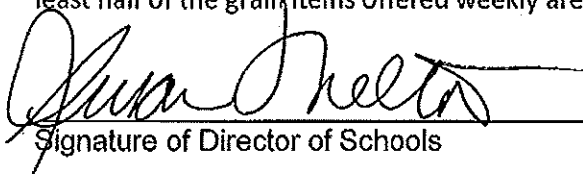
Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

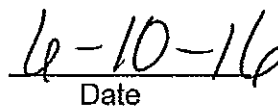
List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Biscuits	Poor Student Acceptability	WG Biscuits
Breaded Chicken Chicken Strips	Poor Student Acceptability	WG Breaded Chicken
Lasagna/Pasta	Limited Products Poor Student Acceptability	100% WG Pasta

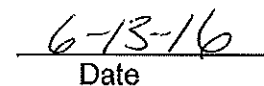
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Signature of Director of Schools

  
District

  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 - 2015.

Sponsor Name: Russell County Board of Education/School Nutrition

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: Entrée Lasagna

Brand Name of product used: GFS (Gordan Food Service)

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Product comes pre-assembled and ready to bake upon delivery saving on labor and time due to scheduling (see attached specs)

Other products tested: Have searched for WG pre-made product but none are available or on bid

Issues with products used and tested: In the past, have made from scratch lasagna, however due to lunch schedules, labor intensity and the inconsistency of product taste participation dropped.

Participation increased with the pre-made GFS product

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Date Submitted: 7-7-2014

Date Approved: 7-8-2014

Approving Signature: *Sandra Wagner*

(7-7-14)  
Contacted sponsor - received confirmation they  
are using several other  
whole grain rich products  
and only seek waiver for  
this one.



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I, Susan Melton, as the duly authorized representative of Russell County Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

X	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	<p>Products requested to be exempt: WG Biscuits-WG Breaded Chicken Products</p> <p>Based on the first 121 school days from 2013-2014 compared to 2014-2015 Russell Co School Food Service has suffered extreme financial loss as well as students not participating in the program. (see chart below and attached REPORTS from POS)</p>
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). □	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	<p>Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.</p> <p>The products requested to be exempt are not offered daily but when they are on menu they are <u>paired</u> with another WG bread item such as roll, bun or breadstick</p>	<p>Based on a sample of Student Letters (see attached) &amp; Managers comments of all the WG products the top items requested to be exempted are:</p> <p><u>Breaded Chicken Strips</u> and <u>WG Breaded Fillet</u> these products tend to get rubbery, tough and breading peels off ✓</p> <p>WG Breaded Strips paired with WG Roll</p> <p>WG Breaded Chicken Fillet is also coupled with the WG Bun</p> <p><u>WG Biscuits</u> are not soft and flakey, dark coloring gives appearance of "burnt" product-</p>

	Aug 2013-Mar 2014 First 121 days of school	Aug 2014-March 2015 First 121 days of school	Loss of Meals Served	Loss of Federal Reimbursement & Daily Sales
Breakfast Participation Meal Counts	260,359 meals	207,892 meals	-52,467 less meals served	-\$101,261
Lunch Participation Meal Counts	334,282 meals	311,357 meals	-22,925 less meals served	-\$70,150
A la Carte Sales	\$130,832	\$97,008		-\$33,824
Total Loss			-75,392 less meals served	-\$205,235.00

Yes Hardship(s):

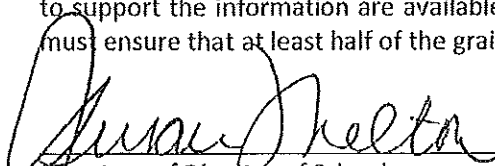
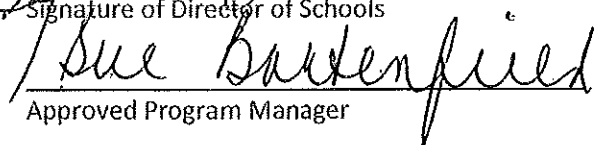
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	<p><b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.</p> <p>New products are tested by students prior to placing on menu, as customers, students were excited their voice was going to be heard regarding possible exemptions. Thus a sample of their letters have been included as part of documentation.</p>	<p>Breaded Chicken Products WG Biscuits *see attached student letters</p>
	<p><b><i>Other Hardships</i></b></p> <p>Due to the required Fruit / Vegetable at both meal services a significant cost is in <b>PRODUCE</b>. Prior to students required to select a fruit/vegetable at breakfast as part of the reimbursable meal the cost of Produce for entire school year (2013-2014) was \$58,637.</p> <p>Just for the first 121 days of 2014-2015 school year, Russell County School Nutrition has paid out \$71,403 in produce alone and there are still 49 days to attend.</p> <p>In addition <i>retention of highly trained quality staff</i> has been a hardship this year. Due to financial loss, and lack of participation based on Meals Per Labor Hour- employee hours have been reduced as well as lay offs. Thus Administrative time has been lost in training new employees before hire in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEVEL 1, Food Service</li> <li>• Confidentiality</li> <li>• Background check</li> <li>• Physical</li> <li>• Blood Bourne Pathogens</li> <li>• Promoting Positive Student Behavior on-line training</li> <li>• Drug test</li> <li>• Tax &amp; payroll paperwork</li> </ul>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WG EZ Split Biscuit	General Mills	132271000
Chicken Strips	CHIX TNDRLN BRD WGRAIN	Tyson	070332-0928
Breaded Chicken Patty	CHIX PATTIE BRD WGRAIN	Tyson	2154-0928

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 Signature of Director of Schools  
  
 Approved Program Manager

4-3-15  
 Date  
4/6/15  
 Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Janet Baker, as the duly authorized representative of Science Hill Independent (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Production Record
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	whole grain biscuit
	Other hardship (please list): Taste is not good! I have parents Complaining when they eat with their child.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
269210	WG EZ Split	pillsbury	32268
237390	Biscuit wg	Rich's	9315
515110	Biscuit wg	Pillsbury	32269

I have continued to try to find a biscuit that is acceptable to me, students & parents and all our staff but I have still not found one.



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Janet Baker  
Director of Schools

7/26/16  
Date

Janet Baker  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7/26/16  
Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Pasta	Poor Student Acceptability	Land O Lakes Mac n Cheese w6 Jm w6 Mac n Cheese GFS Spaghetti w6 / Eastside Mac
Biscuit	Poor Student Acceptability	Pillsbury w6 Biscuits GFS w6 Biscuits Rich's w6 Biscuits

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Mitzy Marshall  
Signature of Director of Schools

6/2/2016  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-6-16  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Mitzi Marshall as the duly authorized representative of Scott Co. [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

✓	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	W/G Pasta Biscuits Counts continue to drop.
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Kids are throwing these items away or just not taking them.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Kids are complaining. We are wasting product. Items are thrown away as students exit the kitchen.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> Pasta does not hold well. It is clumpy & mush after 10 minutes. We have stopped using spaghetti & substituted Penne. Kids like regular spaghetti like they used to have. Not receptive to penne or any w/g pasta.	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	W/G Biscuit	Pillsbury / Richs	515110 Pills. / 5760212 237390 Richs
Pasta	W/G Elbow & Spaghetti	JTM / Eastside	701101 221460 150731 6906

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Mary Marshall  
Signature of Director of Schools

Sue Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

3/7/2015  
Date

3/8/15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Cindy Murphy, as the duly authorized representative of Shelby County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	The number of student breakfast with biscuits decreased.
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	The texture and appearance of whole grain biscuit is unacceptable to students.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Peach Valley WG Biscuit and Pillsbury WG Biscuit
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Biscuit Dough, Frozen, WG	Peach Valley Bakery	LLC PVB 1600NL/216
WG Biscuit	Biscuit Dough, Frozen, WG	Pillsbury	32268

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

**Cindy Murphy**

Digitally signed by Cindy Murphy  
Date: 2017.06.26 16:47:09 -04'00'

**6-26-17**

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

**7-19-17**  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Cindy Murphy, as the duly authorized representative of Shelby County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit (Peach Valley)

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

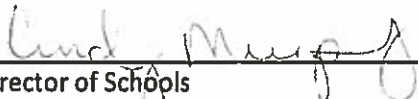
Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit (Peach Valle)
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WG Biscuit	Biscuit Dough, Frozen, WG	Peach Valley Bakery	LLC PVB 1600NL/216
WG Biscuit	Biscuit Dough, Frozen, WG	Pillsbury	32268

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Director of Schools

12/15/16

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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

12-15-16

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Mark Thomas, as the duly authorized representative of Spencer County Public Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	X – Biscuit  Please see attached two photos (#1 & #2)

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	X – Biscuit  Please see attached photo (#3)
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:**

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	2.2 oz Southern Style Easy Split	Pillsbury	31524

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

*Mark Moma*

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

*3-29-18*

Date

*Sandy Wagner*

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

*3-29-18*

Date

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**Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption**

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
WG Crackers	Poor student acceptability, limited product availability, Financial hardship due to lower participation	Westminster WG Saltine Keebler WG Mini Saltine
WG Biscuits	Poor student acceptability due to color and taste of product, Financial hardship due to decreased participation	General Mills WG Biscuit Rich's
WG Pasta	Poor product quality, financial hardship due to lower student participation	Dakota Growers Ultragrain



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Kathy Phelps

Signature of Director of Schools

7-15-2016

Date

Sandra Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-18-16

Date

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Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

I, Kathy Phelps, as the duly authorized representative of Taylor County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Crackers, Biscuits, & Pasta
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
X	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuits & Pasta

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuits, crackers, and pasta
X	Other hardship (please list): Increased labor for staff in preparing additional offerings (such as grilled cheese on chili/soup day ) as a choice instead of the WG crackers.	WG crackers

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Crackers	WG Saltine	Westminster	198322
Crackers	Saltine Mini WG	Keebler	522150
Pasta	Elbow Macaroni, Spaghetti, & Rotini WG	Dakota Growers	229941, 221460, & 229951
Biscuit	WG Biscuit Dough	General Mills	269210

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Kathy Phelps  
Signature of Director of Schools

4-3-2015  
Date

Sue Bartenfield  
Approved Program Manager

4-16-15  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Melissa D. Weathers, as the duly authorized representative of Todd County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole grain biscuits Breaded chicken tenders
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Melissa D. Weathers  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/2/17  
Date

[Signature]  
SEN/MC Program Coordinator

11-7-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Melissa D. Weathers, as the duly authorized representative of Todd County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.



Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits, pastas, & chicken tenders
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

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Melissa D. Weathers

Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8-17-18

Date

Sandy Wagner

SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-20-18

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Melissa Weathers, as the duly authorized representative of Wood County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

✓	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Biscuits Chicken Tenders
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuits Chicken Tenders

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

✓	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Biscuits Chicken Tenders
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Chicken Tenders	Wgt. Chicken Tenders	Tyson	070334-0928
Biscuits	Biscuits	Rich's	# 9315

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Melissa D. Weathers

Signature of Director of Schools

Valerie Crouch

Approved Program Manager

7/28/15

Date

8/18/15

Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Paula Dickerson, as the duly authorized representative of Trigg County Public Schools, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Yes      Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole grain tortilla wrap
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
WW Tortilla	10" WW Heat-Pressed Tortilla	Tyson	7519-621
WW Tortilla	8" WW Pressed Tortilla	Mexican Original	21113-621

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Aula M. Dickerson  
Signature of Director of Schools

2/8/16  
Date

Valerie Crouch  
Approved Program Manager

2/8/16  
Date

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The tortilla cracks when rolled for the soft taco or the fajita chicken wrap. We throw many away because they tear so badly. The 10" whole wheat tortilla costs .28 while the white costs .15 each.

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Pretzel Rods have to be baked, cooled and bagged before using with the chef salad, they still get soggy even when bagged.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> Cost of product	Requesting to use Saltine Crackers.  Wheat crackers are only packaged 2/pack and 4.6 g per package, 10 packages would be required to meet a 2 oz grain serving. Making the cost .68 per serving

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pretzel Rod	WG soft pretzel rods	J & J Snack Food	31012
Rolls	WG Roll	Aunt Millie's	7388
Scoops	Baked Tostito Scoops	Frito Lay	42537

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Aula M Dickerson  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

10/30/17  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

10-30-17  
Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption School Year 2016-2017

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State Agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State Agency.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Whole Grain Tortilla Wrap	Financial - WW 10" .28 each, White 10" .15 each Poor student acceptability WW wrap cracks when wrapped and creates a lot of waste from tearing	Tyson 9519-621 10"WW Mexican Original 21113-621 8" WW

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8/18/16  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Paula Dickerson, as the duly authorized representative of Trigg County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

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The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole Grain Biscuit
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Whole Grain Biscuit

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Whole Grain Biscuit
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Whole Grain Biscuit	Biscuit Bread Dough	Pillsbury	32268
Whole Grain Biscuit	Biscuit Dough	Mary B's	8700
Whole Grain Biscuit	Biscuits, Buttermilk, WG, TFF RS, Sliced	Bake Crafters	923

*Real  
meeting  
with student  
per email  
9-26-16*

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**Paula Dickerson**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Schools

**9/26/16**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
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SCN/MC Program Coordinator

  
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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Angela Adkins, as the duly authorized representative of Trimble County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	Whole grain Biscuit
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Whole Grain Biscuit price \$0.1619 Non Whole grain Price \$0.1315
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	We have Access, just not accepted. Bad Taste and appearance. Students dislike and do not eat them.
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuits are very dark in nature and dry. Students dislike them and we have lost participation for this days breakfast

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	See attached photos
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Whole Grain	Richs	09315
Biscuit	Whole Grain	Peach Valley Bakery	LLC PVB1600NL/216
Biscuit	Whole Grain	Pillsbury-General Mills	32268

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

Angela Adams  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9/20/17  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-21-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Shane Bosaw, as the duly authorized representative of Union County Public Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	WG Biscuit WG Tortilla WG Pasta

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	WG Biscuit WG Tortilla WG Pasta
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Southern-Style, Easy-Split, Frozen 2.2 oz	Pillsbury General Mills	10094562315242 GFS #866920
Tortilla	6"-10" White Tortilla	LaFronteriza	GFS# 702633, 702668
Pasta	Spaghetti, fettucine, macaroni	GFS Brand	GFS # 108375, 201270, 413320

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

9-26-18  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-27-18  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Vickie Benton, as the duly authorized representative of Liberty - Verona [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2015-2016 and SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extension from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Pillsbury Whole Grain Biscuits</i>
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<i>Whole Grain Biscuits</i>
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b> <i>The whole grain biscuit is higher in calories, higher fat from calories, higher fat + higher carb.</i>	<i>Pillsbury WG Biscuits</i>

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code



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Yukie Benter  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

3-27-18  
Date

Sasha Uy  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

3-27-18  
Date

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### Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements School Year 2017-18

I, Gina Howard, as the duly authorized representative of Warren County Public Schools/Nutrition & Dining Services, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):**

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich products was offered.	<b>Yes:</b> (see attached)
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain items(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Harship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatibility during the typical holding time.	<b>Yes:</b> (see attached)

**Hardship(s):**

**List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):**

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whold grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	<b>Yes:</b> pasta (spaghetti and macaroni), biscuits, and rice (see attached)
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

**List alternative product/types/brands that have been utilized:**

<b>Grain Item</b>	<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Product Code</b>
pasta	spaghetti macaroni	Villa Frizzoni Barilla	8031-VIL 1000440041
bread	biscuits	Pillsbury	#06252
rice	white rice	producer	N/A

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

*Dina Howard*  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

7/19/17  
Date

*Kelli Lee*  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-26-17  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Regina Hood, as the duly authorized representative of Washington County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

✓	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	I have attached meal counts for breakfast @ school only to show how part. has dropped.
	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
✓	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Biscuit went flat after baking

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

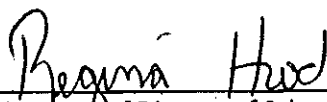
Yes Hardship(s):

✓	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Attached letters from students. Students complain about the biscuit all the time.
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Rich's	09315
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Pillsbury	94562-32271
Biscuit	WG Biscuit	Back Valley	PVB1600W/216

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

  
Signature of Director of Schools

6-9-16  
Date

  
SEN/MC Program Coordinator

6-9-16  
Date

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# Meal Report

Washington County High (08/01/2013 to 06/09/2014)

Student Status	Counts			Tender Amounts					
	Reim.	Non-Reim.	Total	Account	Cash	Check	Charge	Credit Card	Total
<b>Breakfast</b>									
Adults	0	111	111	\$121.95	\$6.70	\$0.00	\$82.25	\$0.00	\$210.90
Employee	0	1015	1015	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Free	12256	89	12345	\$28.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87.35	\$0.00	\$115.70
HS PAID	2418	32	2450	\$1,866.16	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1,317.84	\$0.00	\$3,185.00
Reduced	2314	34	2348	\$373.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.77	\$0.00	\$738.40
<b>Breakfast Total:</b>	<b>16988</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>18269</b>	<b>\$2,390.09</b>	<b>\$7.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,852.21</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>16,988</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>18,269</b>	<b>\$2,390.09</b>	<b>\$7.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,852.21</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>
<b>Grand Total Average:</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18,269</b>	<b>\$14.40</b>	<b>\$0.05</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11.16</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$25.60</b>
<b>Number of Serving Days</b>	<b>166</b>								



**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Regina Hood, as the duly authorized representative of Washington County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	CPS does not stock A WG club cracker.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

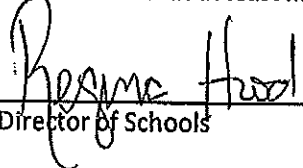
Yes Hardship(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Student prefers regular club crackers in Salad Boxes
	Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Wheat Crackers	Wheat Cracker / Keebler	Keebler	301000 5066
	NOT WG		

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Schools

7/25/16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

7-26-16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Request for an Extension of Whole Grain Waiver Exemption

Memorandum SP33-2016 extends the ability, previously authorized by Section 751 of Public Law 113-234, for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the school year 2016-17. All temporary flexibilities approved by a State agency under this superseded memorandum may continue under the terms they were approved, through school year 2016-17, at the discretion of the State agency.

The State agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an extension for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2016-17 school year. **This extension will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year and the SFA is responsible for ensuring availability of whole grain rich products to meet the 100 percent of grains offered must be whole grain rich requirement for the 2017-18 school year.**

List the grain products for which an extension is being requested and the continued hardship for consideration as well as other products/brands tried in the proper columns below.

Grain Product for which an Extension of Waiver is requested.	Continued Hardship (Financial Hardship, Limited Product Availability, Poor Student Acceptability, Other)	Other Whole Grain Products/Brands That Have Been Tried and Were not Accepted
Macaroni	Poor Student Acceptability	GFS Whole Grain Would not hold form

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Regina Hood  
Signature of Director of Schools

Washington  
District

6/9/16  
Date

Sandra Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

6-9-16  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 – 2015.

Sponsor Name: WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: MACARONI

Brand Name of product used: GFS macaroni

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: MACARONI/CHEESE

Other products tested: GFS WHOLE GRAIN MACARONI

Issues with products used and tested: TURNS TO MUSH; DOESN'T HOLD GOOD

Internal Use Only

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Date Submitted: 8-20-14

Date Approved: 8-21-14

Approving Signature: *Landra Wagner*

*Other districts have same issue - mac + cheese w/ whole grain  
doesn't hold well.*

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2018-19**

I, Regina Hurd, as the duly authorized representative of Washington County (SFA Name), do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products.

The interim final rule from FNS-2017-0021, 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226 extends through school year 2018-19 the menu flexibilities giving the option to serve grain products which are not whole grain rich with an appropriate waiver.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2018-19 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification documentation (production records, receipts, photos, etc.):

Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). ☐	
Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Rolls

Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (production records, meal counts, students letters, surveys, etc.):

Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Rolls
Other hardship (please list):	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Roll	Ma's WG Roll	Ma's Kitchen	31848
Roll	Rich's WG Roll	Rich's	13918

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly are whole grain rich.

Regina Hood  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

8/1/18  
Date

Sandy Wagner  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

8-7-2018  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2016-2017**

I, Regina Hood, as the duly authorized representative of Washington County [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for SY 2016-2017. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

\*Reference: SP 33-2016

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted and attach  
justification (pictures, receipts,  
etc. for documentation):

Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial hardship: The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability: The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	Egg Noodles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	

List the type of grain product(s)  
to be exempted (attach  
production record):

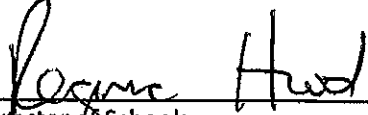
Yes Hardship(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability: The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	
	Other hardship (please list): We have always ordered 522811 but GFS has discontinued the item.	Egg Noodles

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Schools

9/21/16  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

9-21-16  
Date

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KDE/SCN Prior Waiver Request for Whole Grain Rich Pasta SY 2014-2015

Instructions: Submit a completed waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014 - 2015.

Sponsor Name: Russell County Board of Education/School Nutrition

Name of Product a waiver is being requested for: Entrée Lasagna

Brand Name of product used: GFS (Gordan Food Service)

Recipe(s) in which the product is used: Product comes pre-assembled and ready to bake upon delivery saving on labor and time due to scheduling (see attached specs)

Other products tested: Have searched for WG pre-made product but none are available or on bid

Issues with products used and tested: In the past, have made from scratch lasagna, however due to lunch schedules, labor intensity and the inconsistency of product taste participation dropped.

Participation increased with the pre-made GFS product

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Date Submitted: 7-7-2014

Date Approved: 7-8-2014

Approving Signature: *Sandra Wagner*

(7-7-14)  
Contacted sponsor - received confirmation they  
are using several other  
whole grain rich products  
and only seek waiver for  
this one.

## **Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition**

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**From:** Wagner, Sandra - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015 11:10 AM  
**To:** Allen, Sandy  
**Cc:** Bartenfield, Sue Nunn - Division of School and Community Nutrition  
**Subject:** WG Waiver Exemption

Sandy,

We have looked at the whole grain rich requirement request for exemption that you submitted.

It is not the intent of this waiver that an SFA stop serving whole grain rich products entirely. The intent is to give SFA's time to find and serve acceptable whole grain rich products to their students. Even with an exemption of some products, SFA's are required to offer at least 50% of their grain products as whole grain rich.

With the number of items that you have requested an exemption for we would need to know how you intend to meet this requirement as well as how you intend to continue to try to find whole grain rich products your students would accept.

If you would like to reapply for an exemption for a smaller number of products, please feel free to do so. We would ask that you include invoices or production records from past years as well as the current year so that we may compare the participation numbers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions,

Thank you,

*Sandy Wagner NDTR, SNS*

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

I, Sandra L. Allen, as the duly authorized representative of Wolfe County Board of Education, do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. In Section 751 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), Congress directed the Secretary of Agriculture to allow State Agencies that administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to grant an exemption from the regulatory whole grain-rich requirement in the meal programs, in school years (SYs) 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, to a school food authority (SFA) that demonstrates a hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students.

The State Agency may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The temporary exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must work with the State Agency to search for acceptable products, and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

The State Agency will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the remainder of SY 2014-2015 and SY 2015-2016. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	W/G Biscuits, W/G garlic toast, W/G chicken tenders, W/G pasta, spaghetti, W/G rolls, W/G mini corn dogs, W/G cookies, W/g chicken nuggets, W/G pancake wraps, W/G hotdog and hamburger buns, W/G bread, W/G pizza crust
X	<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	Same as above
X	<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	We are limited on distributors of bread products and we only have 2 distributors for other products. GFS and Uncle Charlie's.
X	<b>Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Same as above.

Yes Hardship(s):

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

X	<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	W/G biscuits, W/G garlic toast, W/G chicken tenders, W/G pasta, spaghetti, W/G rolls, W/G mini corn dogs, W/G cookies, W/G chicken nuggets, W/G pancake wraps, W/G hotdog and hamburger buns, W/G bread, W/G pizza crust.
	<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	Our students does not like the w/g products, and I know that some of our students goes hungry because they just don't like the food. Our county is very poor and for a majority of our students, the breakfast/lunch meal is all they get. Kids get in more trouble because they are hungry.

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Rolls	Wheat Rolls	Sister Schubert GFS	112401; 233140; 631902
Biscuits	Whole Grain Biscuits	Rich, GFS	237390; 631902; 515110
Garlic Toast	Whole Grain Garlic Toast	GFS	277862; Limited on brands we can order.

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Pancake Wraps	Wheat pancake wraps	GFS	497182; 497202
Spaghetti/Macaroni	Wheat pasta	Dakota Growers, GFS	232471; 221460
Chicken Nuggets	W/G Chicken Nuggets	Tyson	501851, limited
Chicken Strips/Tenders	W/G Chicken Strips/Tender	Tyson	235211; 533830;
Corn Dogs	W/G Corn Dogs	State Fair	620220; 497360
Cookies	W/G Cookies	Delicious Essentials	243371; 243400;
Hamburger/Hotdog Buns	W/G Hamburger/Hotdog buns	Hamilton	0003447; 0004264- limited
Loaf Bread	W/G Loaf Bread	Hamilton	0003239-limited
Sub Buns	W/G Sub Buns	Hamilton	0004266- limited

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency, and that the SFAs receiving the exemption must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered weekly is whole grain-rich.

Sandra L. Allen  
Signature of Director of Schools

4/7/2015  
Date

Niana Allen  
Approved Program Manager

4/7/2015  
Date

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**Request for Exemption for Whole Grain-Rich Requirements  
School Year 2017-18**

I, Courtney Quire, as the duly authorized representative of Woodford County Schools [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students, and that the factors indicated in this document pose a challenge in offering whole grain-rich products. Section 747 of the Appropriations Act provides flexibilities related to whole grains, sodium and flavored milk for school year (SY) 2017-18.

SCN/KDE may approve an SFA's exemption request for specific products if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s). The exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s), (e.g., pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products. SFAs granted an exemption must comply with the (SY 2013-2014) requirement of at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich products.

SCN/KDE will consider hardship factors in allowing an exemption for the listed whole grain-rich product(s) for the 2017/18 school year. Place an "X" in the appropriate column or columns (Yes) for each hardship consideration. If your hardship is not listed, include in the other hardship section. List the grain product(s) to be exempted.

**Automatic extensions from SY 2016-17:**

All exemptions approved by the Division of School and Community Nutrition, KDE, under SP 33-2016, Exemption Notice: Request for Exemptions from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rice Requirements for School Year 2016-17, April 29, 2016, may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through SY 2017-18.

\*Reference: SP 32-2017  
SP 33-2016

**Hardship(s):**

List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted and attach justification (pictures, receipts, etc. for documentation):

<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA's records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.	
<b>Financial hardship:</b> The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).	
<b>Limited product availability:</b> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.	
<b>Preparation Hardship: Unacceptable product quality:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.	Pasta, Biscuit, Hamburger Bun, Tortilla,

**Hardship(s):**

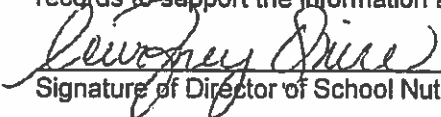
List the type of grain product(s) to be exempted (attach production record):

<b>Poor student acceptability:</b> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.	Pasta, Biscuit, Hamburger Bun, Tortilla,
<b>Other hardship (please list):</b>	

List alternative product types/brands that have been utilized:

Grain Item	Product Description	Manufacturer	Product Code
Biscuit	Whole grain 2.51 oz biscuit	Pillsbury	269210
Pasta	51% whole grain macaroni	Dakota Growers	229941
Tortilla	Whole grain 6 in tortilla	Azteca	523610

My signature indicates that I understand and attest to the accuracy of the information provided above, that all records to support the information are available upon request by the State Agency.

  
Signature of Director of School Nutrition Program

4/2/2018  
Date

  
SCN/MC Program Coordinator

4-3-18  
Date

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